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PREFACE.

IT is a most invaluable part of that blessed liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, that in His worship different forms and usages may without offence be allowed, provided the substance of the faith be kept entire.

And it is ever within the sphere of Christian people, upon weighty and important considerations, to make such alterations and enlargements in the rites and ceremonies to which they have been accustomed as the edification of worshipers may seem to demand.

While, therefore, in the arrangement of this book, the main portion of that Liturgy which has been endeared to so many in England and America by centuries of use—and which in several parts connects us with the devotions of a still earlier antiquity—has been carefully retained, such changes and additions have been made as may tend, it is believed, to the clearer setting forth of Christian doctrine, the unity of the various branches of the Church, and the furtherance of heartfelt prayer and praise.

With this view, the order of the Services has been simplified; repetitions have been avoided; the Psalter has been taken from the version of the Bible now in common use, and classified according to the different Sundays of the Ecclesiastical year; the Table of Sunday Lessons has been so extended as to ensure the reading of a double portion of the divine Word; a greater variety of chants and prayers has been introduced; controverted and doubtful expressions have been omitted, and the rubrical directions so expressed as not to restrict the inherent liberty of every minister and congregation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the arrangement of the Special Services the system of no one of the denominations of the Church has been followed, but that line of ceremonial has been selected which their general experience since the Reformation has

shown to be good, and the continued investigation of Holy Scripture has proved to be true. It has been kept steadily in mind that the want of the Church is not a further addition to the number of Christian sects, but some central ground upon which their common faith may find harmonious utterance toward heaven, and their actual oneness be manifested to the world; some form which shall afford precision and dignity to the services of the sanctuary without controlling them; which may be used with mutual acceptance by believers of every name, in order to confess their sins and offer up their thanksgivings to their Heavenly Father, without confining them to the prescriptions of an ecclesiastical authority.

Upon these principles has this work been carried out; and now, being brought to a conclusion, it is hoped the whole will be received and examined by every sincere Christian, with a meek, candid, and charitable frame of mind; without prejudice or prepossessions; seriously considering what Christianity is, and what the truths of the Gospel are; and earnestly beseeching Almighty God to accompany with His blessing every endeavor for promulgating them to mankind, in the clearest, plainest, most affecting and majestic manner, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Saviour.

Articles of Religion.

I.

THE HOLY TRINITY.

THERE is but one living and true God, everlasting, of infinite power, wisdom, goodness, and righteousness; the Maker and Preserver of all things, both visible and invisible. And in unity of this Godhead there are three persons, of one substance, power and eternity; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

II.

THE WORD, OR SON OF GOD.

THE Son, who is the Word of the Father, begotten from everlasting of the Father, the true and eternal God, of one substance with the Father, took man's nature of the substance of the Virgin Mary: so that two whole and perfect natures, that is to say, the Godhead and Manhood, were joined together in one person, never to be divided; whereof is one Christ, truly God, and truly Man; who suffered, was crucified, dead, and buried, to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for actual sins of men.

III.

THE DEPARTURE OF CHRIST'S SPIRIT FROM THE BODY.

AS Christ died for us, and was buried, so also is it to be believed that His spirit for a time departed from the body.

IV.

THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST.

CHRIST did truly rise again from death, and took again His body, with all things appertaining to the perfection of man's glorified nature, wherewith He ascended into heaven, and there sitteth, until He return to judge all men at the last day.

V.

THE HOLY GHOST.

THE Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, is of one substance, majesty, and glory, with the Father and the Son, true and eternal God.

VI.

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES.

HOLY Scripture containeth all things necessary to salvation; so that whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby, is not to be required of any man that it should be believed as an article of the faith, or be thought requisite or necessary to salvation.

By Holy Scripture we understand the Canonical Books of the Old and New Testament, namely: in the Old Testament,

Genesis.
Exodus.
Leviticus.
Numbers.
Deuteronomy.
Joshua.
Judges.
Ruth.
The First Book of Samuel.
The Second Book of Samuel.
The First Book of Kings.
The Second Book of Kings.
The First Book of Chronicles.
The Second Book of Chronicles.
The Book of Ezra.
The Book of Nehemiah.
The Book of Esther.
The Book of Job.
The Book of Psalms.
The Book of Proverbs.
The Book of Ecclesiastes.
The Book of the Song of Solomon.
Four Prophets the greater.
Twelve Prophets the less.

And in the New Testament—

The Gospel according to Matthew.
The Gospel according to Mark.
The Gospel according to Luke.
The Gospel according to John.
The Acts of the Apostles.
The Epistle to the Romans.
Two Epistles to the Corinthians.
The Epistle to the Galatians.
The Epistle to the Ephesians.
The Epistle to the Philippians.
The Epistle to the Colossians.
Two Epistles to the Thessalonians.
Two Epistles to Timothy.
The Epistle to Titus.
The Epistle to Philemon.
The Epistle to the Hebrews.
The Epistle of James.
Two Epistles of Peter.
Three Epistles of John.
The Epistle of Jude, and
The Book of the Revelation of St. John the Divine.

The Books commonly called "The Apocrypha," are not received as Canonical; and, therefore, should not be read in Churches, nor be used in establishing any doctrine.

VII.

THE OLD TESTAMENT.

THE Old Testament is not contrary to the New; for, both in the Old and New Testament, everlasting life is offered to mankind by Christ, who is the only Mediator between God and man, being both God and Man. Wherefore they are not to be heard who feign that the old fathers looked only for transitory promises. Although the law given from God by Moses, as touching ceremonies and rites, does not bind Christian men, and the civil precepts thereof are not of necessity to be received in any commonwealth; yet, notwithstanding, no Christian man whatsoever is free from the obedience of the commandments which are called moral.

VIII.

THE CREEDS.

THE Creed of Nicæa, and that which is called the Apostles' Creed, ought to be received and believed; for they may be proved by Holy Scripture.

IX.

ORIGINAL OR BIRTH-SIN.

ORIGINAL sin standeth not in the following of Adam, but it is the fault and corruption of the nature of every man, that naturally is engendered of the offspring of Adam, whereby man is very far gone from original righteousness, and is, of his own nature, inclined to evil, so that the flesh lusteth always contrary to the Spirit; and therefore, in every person born into this world, it deserveth God's condemnation. And this infection of nature doth remain, yea, in them that are regenerated; whereby the carnal mind is not subject to the law of God: and although there is no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit, yet the Apostle doth confess that concupiscence, or lust, hath of itself the nature of sin.

X.

FREE WILL.

THE condition of man since the fall of Adam is such that he cannot turn and prepare himself, by his own natural strength and good works, to faith and calling upon God: wherefore we have no power to do good works pleasant and acceptable to God without the grace of God by Christ previously inclining us, that we may have a good will, and working with us when we have that good will.

XI.

THE JUSTIFICATION OF MAN.

WE are accounted righteous before God only for the merit of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ by faith, and not for our own works or deservings. Wherefore, that we are justified by faith only, is a most wholesome doctrine, and very full of comfort.

XII.

GOOD WORKS.

ALTHOUGH good works, which are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, cannot put away our sins, and endure the severity of God's judgment, yet are they pleasing and acceptable to God in Christ, and do spring out, necessarily, of a true and living faith, insomuch that by them a living faith may be as evidently known, as a tree discerned by the fruit.

XIII.

WORKS BEFORE JUSTIFICATION.

WORKS done before the grace of Christ and the gift of His Spirit are not pleasant to God, forasmuch as they spring not of faith in Jesus Christ; neither do they make men meet to receive grace, or deserve grace of congruity.

XIV.

WORKS OF SUPEREROGATION.

WORKS of Supererogation, or voluntary works over and above God's commandments, cannot be taught without arrogance and impiety. For by them men declare, that they not only render unto God as much as they are bound to do, but that they do more for His sake than of bounden duty is required; whereas Christ saith plainly, When ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants.

XV.

CHRIST ALONE WITHOUT SIN.

CHRIST, in the truth of our nature, was made like unto us in all things, sin only excepted, from which He was clearly free, both in His flesh, and in His spirit. He came to be the Lamb without spot, who, by sacrifice of Himself once made, should take away

the sins of the world; and in Him was no sin. But all others (though born again in Christ) yet offend in many things; and if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

XVI.

A CHRISTIAN MAN'S SIN.

NOT every heinous sin which a Christian commits, is sin against the Holy Ghost and unpardonable. Wherefore the grant of repentance is not to be denied to such; for, after we have received the Holy Ghost, we may depart from grace given, and fall into sin, and by the grace of God we may arise again, and amend our lives. And therefore they are in error who say they can no more sin so long as they live here, or deny the place of forgiveness to such as truly repent.

XVII.

PREDESTINATION AND ELECTION.

PREDESTINATION to life is the everlasting purpose of God, whereby (before the foundations of the world were laid) He hath constantly decreed, by His counsel, secret to us, to deliver from curse and damnation those whom He hath chosen in Christ out of mankind, and to bring them by Christ to everlasting salvation, as vessels made to honor. Wherefore they, who are endued with so excellent a benefit of God, are called according to God's purpose, by His Spirit working in due season: they, through grace, obey the calling: they are justified freely: they are made sons of God by adoption: they are made like the image of His only-begotten Son Jesus Christ: they walk religiously in good works; and at length, by God's mercy, they attain to everlasting felicity.

As the godly consideration of our election in Christ is full of sweet, pleasant, and unspeakable comfort to godly persons, and such as feel in themselves the working of the Spirit of Christ, mortifying the works of the flesh and their earthly members, and drawing up their mind to high and heavenly things, as well because it doth greatly establish and confirm their faith of eternal salvation, to be enjoyed through Christ, as because it doth fervently kindle their love

towards God; so, for curious and carnal persons, lacking the Spirit of Christ, to have continually before their eyes the sentence of God's predestination, is a most dangerous downfall, whereby the devil doth thrust them either into desperation, or into recklessness of most unclean living, no less perilous than desperation.

Furthermore, we must receive God's promises in such wise as they are generally set forth to us in Holy Scripture; and, in our doings, that will of God is to be followed which we have expressly declared unto us in the Word of God.

XVIII.

SALVATION ONLY THROUGH CHRIST.

THEY are in error who say that every man shall be saved by the law or sect which he professeth, so that he be diligent to frame his life according to that law, and the light of nature. For Holy Scripture doth set out unto us only the name of Jesus Christ whereby men must be saved.

XIX.

THE CHURCH.

THE visible Church of Christ on earth is that congregation of men professing faith in Christ, in which the pure word of God is preached, and the ordinances are duly ministered according to Christ's direction, in all those things that of necessity are requisite to the same.

XX.

THE JUDGMENT OF THE CHURCH.

ANY particular Church may examine and give its judgment upon questions of religion between its own members: yet it is not lawful for the Church to decide anything contrary to God's Word written: neither may it so expound one place of Scripture that it be repugnant to another. Wherefore, although the Church be a witness and keeper of Holy Writ, yet as it ought not to decree anything against the same, so besides the same ought it not to declare anything to be believed for necessity of salvation.

XXI.

CEREMONIES OF THE CHURCH.

IT is not necessary that the customs and ceremonies of the Church should be in all places alike; for at all times they have been different and may be changed according to the diversity of countries, times, and men's manners, so that nothing be ordained against God's Word.

Every particular Church hath authority, as to ordain, so to change or abolish its rites or ceremonies, ordained by man's authority only, so that all things be done to edifying.

XXII.

BAPTISM.

BAPTISM is not only a sign of profession and mark of difference, whereby Christian men are discerned from others that are not baptized; but it is also a sign of regeneration, or new birth, whereby they who are truly converted are sealed as members of Christ's Church: the promises of the forgiveness of sin, and of their adoption to be the sons of God by the Holy Ghost, are visibly ratified: faith is confirmed, and grace increased by virtue of prayer unto God.

XXIII.

THE LORD'S SUPPER.

THE Supper of the Lord is not only a sign of the love which Christ hath for us, and which Christians ought to have for Him and for one another, but is also a symbol of our redemption by Christ's death.

Transubstantiation (or the change of the substance of bread and wine) in the Supper of the Lord, cannot be proved by Holy Writ; but it is repugnant to the plain words of Scripture, overthroweth the nature of the ordinance, and hath given occasion to many superstitions.

The body of Christ is given, taken, and eaten in the Supper only in a symbolical and spiritual manner.

The elements of the Lord's Supper were not by Christ's ordinance designed to be reserved, carried about, lifted up, or worshiped.

The cup of the Lord is not to be denied to the laity; for both the parts of the Lord's Supper, by Christ's ordinance and commandment, ought to be ministered to all Christian people alike.

XXIV.

EVIL MINISTERS.

ALTHOUGH in the visible Church evil men are ever mingled with the good, and sometimes the evil have chief authority in the ministrations of the sanctuary; yet, forasmuch as they do not the same in their own name, but in Christ's, and do minister by His commission and authority, we may use their ministry, both in hearing the Word of God, and in receiving the ordinances. Neither is the effect of Christ's institution taken away by their wickedness, nor the grace of God's gift diminished from such as by faith, and rightly, do receive the ordinances ministered unto them, which are effectual because of Christ's institution and promise, although they are ministered by evil men.

Nevertheless it appertaineth to the discipline of the Church, that inquiry be made of evil ministers, and that they be accused by those that have knowledge of their offences; and finally, being found guilty, by just judgment, be deposed.

XXV.

UNBELIEVERS NOT BLESSED.

ALTHOUGH the wicked, and such as are without a living faith, receive the symbols of Christ's body and blood, yet are they in no sense benefited thereby; but rather to their own condemnation do eat and drink the signs of such things.

XXVI

THE ONE OBLATION OF CHRIST.

THE offering of Christ is that perfect Redemption, Propitiation, and Satisfaction, which, once for all, has been made for the sins

of the whole world, both original and actual, and there is none other satisfaction for sin but that alone. Wherefore, the sacrifices of masses, in which the priest, so called, is said to offer Christ for the living and the dead, to have remission of pain or guilt, are fables deceitful and dangerous.

XXVII.

ROMISH DOCTRINES.

THE Romish doctrines concerning purgatory, pardons, worshiping, and adoration, as well of images as of relics, and also invocation of saints, are vain fabrications, grounded upon no warrant of Scripture, but rather repugnant to the Word of God.

XXVIII.

UNKNOWN TONGUES.

IT is a thing plainly repugnant to the Word of God, to have public prayer, or the ministration of the ordinances, in a language not understood by the people.

XXIX.

THE MARRIAGE OF MINISTERS.

CHRISTIAN ministers are not commanded by God's law either to vow the estate of single life, or to abstain from marriage: therefore it is lawful for them, as for all other Christian men, to marry at their own discretion, as they shall judge the same to serve better to godliness.

XXX.

THE POWER OF CIVIL MAGISTRATES.

THE power of the civil magistrate extendeth to all men, as well clergy as laity, in all things temporal; but hath no authority in things purely spiritual. And we hold it to be the duty of all who are professors of the gospel, to pay respectful obedience to the civil authority, regularly and legitimately constituted.

XXXI.

THE GOODS OF DISCIPLES.

THE riches and goods of Christians are not common as to the right, title, and possession of the same, as some have wrongly taught. Nevertheless, every man is a steward under God, and ought to hold and use his possessions to the glory of God and the good of his fellow-men; especially of the poor and needy, as he may have ability and opportunity.

FOR YEARS ENDING WITH AN EVEN NUMBER.

	MORNING.				EVENING.			
	FIRST LESSON.		SECOND LESSON.		FIRST LESSON.		SECOND LESSON.	
1st Sund. in Adv.	Isaiah	1	Matthew	24	Isaiah	2	Romans	10
2d "		3 to 16		25		5		12
3d "		13 to 16	Mark	13		25		13
4th "		26	John	3		27		14
Christmas . . .		9 to 8	Matthew	2 to 13		7 10 to 17	Galatians	4
1st Sun. af. Chr's		35		2 13†		38 to 21	1 Corinth.	1
New Year & Cir.		40	Mark	1 to 16		41	Romans	2
Epiphany . . .		42 to 17	John	2 to 13		49		11
1st Sund. af. Ep'y		10	Matthew	4 12†		14	1 Corinth.	3
2d "		17		11		24		13
3d "		29		12 to 22		36 to 11	2 Corinth.	4
4th "		37		12 22†		44		6
5th "		45		13 to 24		46		7
6th "		50		13 31†		51	2 Timothy	1
Septuagesima .	Jeremiah	5		5	Jeremiah	6 16†	Galatians	5
Sexagesima . .		7		6		8		6
Quinquagesima .	Lamenta's	1		7	Lamenta's	2	Hebrews	3
Ash Wednesday .	Joshua	7	2 Peter	2	Jonah	3	Revelation	14 6†
1st Sund. in Lent	Deuteron'y	1	Matthew	9	Deuteron'y	4	Ephesians	4
2d "		5		10		6		5
3d "		7	Mark	9 to 30		8		6
4th "		9	Mark	9 30†		11	Philip.	1
5th "		28 to 27	Hebrews	5		29		3
6th "		31		9		32	Hebrews	2 to 10
Pass. w'k, Mond.	Jeremiah	2	Matthew	21 18†	Jeremiah	3 11†	Matthew	22
Tuesday . . .		9		23		11		24
Wednesday . .		12		25		14		26 to 26
Thursday . .		17		26 26 to 47		26 to 20		26 47†
Good Friday . .	Genesis	22 to 20		27 to 33	Numbers	21 to 10		27 33†
Easter Evening .	Jonah	1	Mark	15 42†	Jonah	2	John	2 13†
Easter	Exodus	12 to 37	Matthew	28 to 11	Exodus	12 37†	Romans	6
Monday	Jeremiah	31		28 11†	Jeremiah	32	Mark	16
Tuesday . . .	Genesis	14		14	Isaiah	66	Philemon	
1st Sun. af. Eas'r	Isaiah	43		17		48	2 Corinth.	5
2d "	Hosea	13 to 15	Acts	1	Hosea	14	Hebrews	8
3d "	Joel	3 9†		5 17†	Micah	4	Colossians	3
4th "	Nahum	1		6	Habakkuk	3	1 Thessal.	3
5th "	Zechariah	8		8	Zechariah	10		4
Ascension . . .		9 9†		2 14†	Proverbs	30	Revelation	11
Sund. after Asc'n	Joel	2 23†		3	Zephaniah	3		12
Whitsunday . .	Deuter'n'y	16 to 18		4	Isaiah	11 & 12	1 Thessal.	1
Monday	Genesis	11 to 11	Matthew	15 to 15	Numbers	11 16-31	1 Corinth.	12
Tuesday . . .	Deuter'n'y	30		16	1 Kings	19	1 Thess. 5	12 to 26
Trinity	Genesis	1		3	Genesis	2	Colossians	1
1st Sun. af. Tr'y		3		18 to 21		4 3 to 17	1 Timothy	2 to 11
2d "		6		18 21†		7	Romans	1
3d "		8		19		9 to 20		3
4th "		12		20 to 17		13		4
5th "		15 to 19		20 17†		18		5
6th "		19, 15 to 30	Mark	1 16†		21 9 to 22		7
7th "		24 to 29		2		24 29†		8
8th "		28 10†		3		32		9
9th "		37		4		40		15
10th "		41		5 to 22		42	1 Corinth.	2
11th "		43		5 22†		44		4
12th "		45		6 to 30		47 to 13		6
13th "		49		6 30†		50		8
14th "	Exodus	2		7 to 31	Exodus	3		9 7†
15th "		4 to 24		8 10†		5		10 14†
16th "		6 to 14		10 32†		7		11 17†
17th "		8		11		9		12 12†
18th "		10		12		14		14 to 26
19th "		15	John	4 to 43		16	2 Corinth.	1
20th "		17		5		18		2
21st "		19		6 15†		20 to 25		7
22d "		24		7		32		8
23d "		33		8		34 to 15		9
24th "		35 30† 36 to 8		9		40		10
25th "	Numbers	13 17†		10 22†	Numbers	14		11
Sund. bef. Adv. .		22		21		23		12

FOR YEARS ENDING WITH AN ODD NUMBER.

	MORNING.		EVENING.	
	FIRST LESSON.	SECOND LESSON.	FIRST LESSON.	SECOND LESSON.
1st Sund. in Adv.	Isaiah 28 to 23	Luke 1 to 39	Isaiah 30	Revelation 19 11†
2d "	31	1 39†	33	20
3d "	34	3 to 19	Zechariah 14	21
4th "	Malachi 3	21 to 25	Malachi 4	22
Christmas	Jeremiah 33	2 to 15	Micah 5	Hebrews 2 10†
1st Sun. af. Chr's	Numbers 24	2 25†	Haggai 2 to 10	7
New Year & Cir.	Deuter'n'y 10	4 to 14	Malachi 1	Colossians 2
Epiphany . . .	Isaiah 60	Acts 2 to 22	Habakkuk 2 to 14	4
1st Sund. af. Ep'y	52	Luke 4 14 to 33	Isaiah 54	Galatians 1
2d "	55	4 33†	57	2
3d "	61	John 1 29†	62	3
4th "	63	Luke 5 12†	65	Titus 2
5th "	Ezekiel 34	6 to 20	Daniel 3	2 Corinth. 3
6th "	Daniel 5	7 to 31	6	1 Thessal. 2
Septuagesima .	Jeremiah 22	7 31†	Jeremiah 23 9†	Ephesians 1
Sexagesima . .	35	8 16 to 41	36	2
Quinquagesima .	Lamenta's 3 to 37	8 41†	Lamenta's 3 37†	3
Ash Wednesday .	Isaiah 58	6 20†	Isaiah 59	2 Peter 3
1st Sund. in Lent	Daniel 9	10 to 25	64	Revelation 1
2d "	Ezekiel 14	11 29†	Ezekiel 18	2
3d "	20 to 27	15 11†	20 27†	3
4th "	Micah 6	19 28†	Micah 7	5
5th "	Amos 5 to 25	20 to 19	Amos 8 4†	6
6th "	Zechariah 7	John 11	Zechariah 13	7
Pass. w'k, Mond.	Ezekiel 6	12	Ezekiel 7	Mark 14 26 to 53
Tuesday . . .	9	13	13 to 17	14 53†
Wednesday . .	16 44†	15	22 17†	15 to 21
Thursday . . .	Leviticus 4	16	Leviticus 16	15 21†
Good Friday . .	Isaiah 53	18	1 Chron. 21	Philip. 2
Easter Evening .	Ezekiel 37	Luke 23 50†	Daniel 12	Hebrews 4
Easter	Job 14	Acts 2 22†	Job 19	1 Corinth. 15
Monday	Proverbs 17	Luke 14	Proverbs 18	Titus 1
Tuesday . . .	19	24 to 13	20	2 Corinth. 5
1st Sun. af. Eas'r	Deuter'n'y 33	9 to 23	Deuter'n'y 34	1 Timothy 1
2d "	Proverbs 21	9 23 to 46	Proverbs 22	3
3d "	23	9 46†	24	Philip. 4
4th "	28	17 20†	29	1 Corinth. 5 6†
5th "	Ecclesia's 11	20 19†	Ecclesia's 12	1 Timothy 4
Ascension . . .	2 Kings 2 to 19	24 44†	Song of S. 6	Ephesians 4 to 17
Sund. after Asc'n	Ezekiel 11	John 17	Zechariah 12	2 Thessal. 3 to 17
Whitsunday . .	Isaiah 32	Acts 19	Ezekiel 36 16†	Hebrews 6
Monday	Ecclesia's 5	1 Corinth. 14 to 26	Ecclesia's 7 to 26	2 Thessal. 1
Tuesday . . .	Song of Sol. 1	Revelation 18	Song of S. 2	2
Trinity	Isaiah 6	John 14	Zechariah 3 & 4	1 John 5
1st Sun. af. Tr'y	Joshua 1	Luke 12 to 22	Joshua 3	1 Timothy 6
2d "	6	13 to 18	22	2 Timothy 2
3d "	23	13 18†	24	3 & 4
4th "	Judges 4	19 to 28	Judges 5	Titus 2 & 3 to 10
5th "	6	22 to 39	7	Hebrews 10
6th "	Ruth 1	24 13 to 44	Ruth 2	11
7th "	1 Samuel 3	Acts 5 to 17	1 Samuel 4 to 19	12
8th "	5 & 6 to 16	7	12	13
9th "	16 & 17 to 20	9	17 20†	James 1
10th "	24	10	26	2
11th "	2 Samuel 12	11	2 Samuel 19	3
12th "	22 to 31	12	22 31†	4
13th "	1 Kings 8 to 22	13	1 Kings 8 22†	5
14th "	10	14	12	1 Peter 1
15th "	17	15	18	2
16th "	2 Kings 5	16	2 Kings 6 to 24	3
17th "	19	17	20	4
18th "	Esther 3 & 5	18	Esther 6 & 7	5
19th "	Job 1	20	Job 2	2 Peter 1
20th "	5	21	7	2
21st "	9	22	28	3
22d "	38	23	42	1 John 1
23d "	Proverbs 1	24	Proverbs 2	2
24th "	3	25 & 26	8	3
25th "	11	27	12	4
Sund. bef. Adv. .	13 & 14	28	15 & 16	2 & 3 John

THE ORDER FOR

Morning Prayer.

Let the Minister begin the MORNING PRAYER by reading one or more of the following sentences of Scripture:

THE Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him. *Hab.* ii. 20.

God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth. *John* iv. 24.

From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same, my Name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my Name; and a pure offering: for my Name shall be great among the heathen, saith the Lord of Hosts. *Mal.* i. 11.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. *Psalm* xix. 14.

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy. *Prov.* xxviii. 13.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise. *Psalm* li. 17.

Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God; for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth Him of the evil. *Joel* ii. 13.

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against Him; neither have we

obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in His laws which He set before us. *Dan.* ix. 9, 10.

I will arise, and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. *St. Luke* xv. 18, 19.

Enter not into judgment with Thy servant, O Lord; for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified. *Psalm* cxliii. 2.

FOR ADVENT.

BEHOLD, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him. *Rev.* i. 7.

He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so come Lord Jesus. *Rev.* xxii. 20.

Repent ye: for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. *St. Matt.* iii. 2.

FOR CHRISTMAS.

WHEN the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. *Galatians* iv. 4, 5.

FOR EPIPHANY.

THE Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. *John* i. 14.

FOR GOOD FRIDAY.

ALL we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every man to his own way, and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. *Isa.* liii. 6.

Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree. 1 *Peter* ii. 24.

FOR EASTER.

I AM the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. *John* xi. 25.

FOR ASCENSION DAY.

THOU hast ascended on high; Thou hast led captivity captive; Thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the Lord God might dwell among them. *Psalm* lxviii. 18.

FOR WHITSUNDAY.

WHEN the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father: even the Spirit of Truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of me. *John* xv. 26.

FOR TRINITY SUNDAY.

THROUGH Him we have access by one Spirit unto the Father. *Ephes.* ii. 18.

Minister.

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us, in sundry places, to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by His infinite goodness and mercy, through our Lord Jesus Christ. And although we ought, at all times, humbly to acknowledge our sins before God, yet ought we chiefly so to do when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hands, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His most holy Word, and

to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying,

A GENERAL CONFESSION.

To be made by the whole congregation, with the Minister, all kneeling.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; we have erred, and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore Thou those who are penitent, according to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy Name. Amen.

Minister.

HEAR what gracious declarations and promises the Lord our God has made to such as truly turn to Him.

The Lord your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away His face from you if ye return to Him. 2 *Chron.* xxx. 9.

Though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson they shall be as wool. *Isaiah* i. 18.

The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin. 1 *John* i. 7.

Him hath God exalted with His right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. *Acts* v. 31.

Wherefore He is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them. *Heb.* vii. 25.

Then let the Minister say the Lord's Prayer, the people repeating it with him, both here and wheresoever else it is used in divine service.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Minister.

O LORD, open Thou our lips.

Answer. And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Here, all standing up, let the Minister say,

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord.

Answer. The Lord's Name be praised.

ANTHEM.

It is recommended that these Anthems be sung consecutively upon the Sundays of the month, as they are here arranged.

Beati Quorum. [*First Sunday.*

BLESSED is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

I acknowledged my sin unto Thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

For this shall every one that is godly pray unto Thee in a time when Thou mayest be found.

Surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

Thou art my hiding-place; Thou shalt preserve me from trouble.

Thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous; and shout for joy all ye that are upright in heart.

Quam Dilecta! [*Second Sunday.*

HOW amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth, for the courts of the Lord.

My heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house: they will be still praising Thee.

They go from strength to strength; every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory.

No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.

Honour and majesty are before Him: strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength.

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts.

Te Decet Hymnus. [*Third Sunday.*

PRAISE waiteth for Thee, O God, in Zion; and unto Thee shall the vow be performed.

O Thou that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come.

Iniquities prevail against me: as for our transgressions, Thou shalt purge them away.

Blessed is the man whom Thou choosest, and causest to approach unto Thee, that he may dwell in Thy courts.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Thy house, even of Thy holy temple.

Venite, Exultemus. [*4th and 5th Sundays.*

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In His hand are the deep places of the earth; the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, and He made it; and His hands formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; fear before Him, all the earth.

For He cometh, for He cometh, to judge the earth. He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with His truth.

Then let there be read the first Lesson according to the table, after which the following Anthem:

[NOTE.—*That before every Lesson, the Minister should say, "Here beginneth such a Chapter, or Verse of such a Chapter, of such a Book;" and after every Lesson, "Here endeth the first, or the second, Lesson."*]

Exaltabo te Deus. [*First Sunday.*

I WILL extol Thee, my God, O King; and I will bless Thy Name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless Thee; and I will praise Thy Name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall praise Thy works to another, and shall declare Thy mighty acts.

I will speak of the glorious honor of Thy Majesty, and of Thy wondrous works.

And men shall speak of the might of Thy terrible acts: and I will declare Thy greatness.

They shall abundantly utter the memory of Thy great goodness, and shall sing of Thy righteousness.

The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

The Lord is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works.

All Thy works shall praise Thee, O Lord; and Thy saints shall bless Thee.

They shall speak of the glory of Thy kingdom, and talk of Thy power;

To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of His kingdom.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

Cœli Enarrant. [*Second Sunday.*

THE heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His handiwork.

Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul.

The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.

The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever.

The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold; yea, than much fine gold:

Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is Thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Dominus Sustentat. [*Third Sunday.*

THE Lord upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon Thee; and Thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest Thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is righteous in all His ways, and holy in all His works.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear Him: He also will hear their cry, and will save them.

The Lord preserveth all them that love Him: but all the wicked will He destroy.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh bless His holy Name for ever and ever.

Te Deum Laudamus. [*4th and 5th Sundays.*

WE praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.

To Thee all Angels cry aloud; the Heavens, and all the powers therein.

To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of Thy Glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise Thee.

The noble army of Martyrs praise Thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee;

The Father, of an infinite Majesty;

Thine adorable, true, and only Son;

Also, the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man, Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a Virgin.

When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the Glory of the Father.

We believe that Thou shalt come to be our Judge.

We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with Thy Saints, in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine heritage.

Govern them, and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify Thee;

And we worship Thy Name ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in Thee.

O Lord, in Thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

Then let there be read in like manner the Second Lesson, taken out of the New Testament, according to the Table. And after that be said or sung the following Anthem:

Ad te, Domine. [*First Sunday.*

UNTO Thee will I cry, O Lord, my rock; be not silent to me;

Lest if Thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.

Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto Thee;

When I lift up my hands toward Thy holy oracle.

Blessed be the Lord, because he hath heard the voice of my supplications.

The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped;

Therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth, and with my song will I praise him.

The Lord is their strength, and He is the saving strength of His anointed.

Save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance; feed them also, and lift them up forever.

Jubilate Deo. [*Second Sunday.*

MAKE a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing.

Know ye that the Lord He is God; it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves;

We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise;

Be thankful unto Him, and bless His Name.

For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations.

Benedictus. [*Third Sunday.*

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel; for He hath visited and redeemed His people:

And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us, in the house of His servant David;

As He spake by the mouth of His holy Prophets, which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us.

Alleluia. [*4th and 5th Sundays.*

ALLELUIA. Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, Be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory, and honor, and power:

For Thou hast created all things: and for Thy pleasure they are and were created.

And worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom,

And strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.

Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood;

And hath made us kings and priests, unto God and His Father, to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED.

To be said by the Minister and People.

I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; The third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Church universal, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; and the Life everlasting. Amen.

Or this:

I BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; Who, for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of

life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who, with the Father and the Son together, is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the prophets.

I believe in one holy Church universal, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Minister.

THE Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray. [*All Kneeling.*]

O Lord, show Thy mercy upon us.

Answer. And grant us Thy salvation.

Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer. And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

A COLLECT FOR PEACE.

O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom, defend us Thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in Thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A COLLECT FOR GRACE.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same with Thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by Thy governance, may be righteous in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, And all in Civil Authority.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, the high and mighty Ruler of the universe, who dost from Thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; most heartily we beseech Thee, as for the people of these United States in general, so especially for Thy servants, the President, the Governor of this *State*, and all in judicial and executive authority. Incline them to Thy will, and lead them in Thy way. Replenish them with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, and endue them with heavenly wisdom and righteousness. (We beseech Thee also for our Senate and Representatives in Congress assembled, *as well as for the Legislature of our State now in session*, that Thou wouldst be pleased to direct all their consultations, to the advancement of Thy glory, the good of Thy Church, the safety, honor and welfare of Thy people.)

May all things be so ordered and settled by their endeavors, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations. These and all other necessaries, for them, for us, and Thy whole Church, we humbly beg in the Name and Mediation of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR MINISTERS AND PEOPLE.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; Send down upon all Ministers of Thy Word, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of Thy grace; and, that they may truly please Thee, pour upon them the continual dew of Thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR ALL CONDITIONS OF MEN.

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that Thou wouldst be pleased to make Thy ways known unto them, Thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for Thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by Thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. We also commend to Thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THE IMPENITENT.

O MERCIFUL God, who wouldst not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live, and hast revealed Thyself as pardoning iniquity through Thine only Son: We beseech Thee to have mercy upon the impenitent and unbelieving, especially upon such as may be here present. Awaken in them by Thy Holy Spirit a deep sense of their sinfulness and peril. Take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of Thy Word. Make them to know and feel that there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby they must be saved, but only the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. And so fetch them home, and number them among Thy children, that they may be Thine for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. Amen.

A GENERAL THANKSGIVING.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, Thine unworthy servants, do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Here the Minister may use such other prayers or thanksgivings as occasion may require, either written or extempore, or he may give a space for silent prayer.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in Thy Name, Thou wilt grant their requests; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

2 Cor. xiii. 14.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

After singing should follow the Epistle, Gospel, Psalter and Collect for the day.

THE ORDER FOR

Evening Prayer.

Let the EVENING PRAYER be opened by the Singing of a Hymn or Anthem.

Minister.

O LORD, save Thy people.

Answer. And bless Thine heritage.

Minister. Let us pray: [*All Kneeling.*]

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Answer. Christ, have mercy upon us.

A GENERAL CONFESSION.

To be made by the whole congregation, with the Minister.

MOST merciful God, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and hast promised forgiveness to all those who confess and forsake their sins, we come before Thee in an humble sense of our own unworthiness, acknowledging our manifold transgressions of Thy righteous laws. But, O gracious Father, who desirest not the death of a sinner, look upon us, we beseech Thee, in mercy, and forgive us all our transgressions. Make us deeply sensible of the great evil of them, and work in us an hearty contrition, that we may obtain forgiveness at Thy hands, who art ever ready to receive humble and penitent sinners, for the sake of Thy Son Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

Minister.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of Thy great mercy hast promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto Thee; Have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Minister.

O LORD, open Thou our lips.

Answer. And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Here, all standing up, let the Minister say,

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord.

Answer. The Lord's Name be praised.

Then let there be read a Lesson from the Old Testament, according to the Table, after which an Anthem as follows:

Cantate Domino. [*First Sunday.*

O SING unto the Lord a new song; for He hath done marvellous things.

His right hand, and His holy arm, hath gotten Him the victory.

The Lord hath made known His salvation: His righteousness hath He openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.

He hath remembered His mercy and His truth toward the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth; make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

Sing unto the Lord with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm.

With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the Lord, the King.

Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills be joyful together before the Lord, for He cometh to judge the earth.

With righteousness shall He judge the world, and the people with equity.

Bonum est confiteri. [*Second Sunday.*

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord; and to sing praises unto Thy Name, O Most High.

To show forth Thy loving kindness in the morning, and Thy faithfulness every night.

Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery; upon the harp with a solemn sound.

For Thou, Lord, hast made me glad through Thy work; I will triumph in the works of Thy hand.

Levavi oculos meos. [*Third Sunday.*

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; He that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: He shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in;

From this time forth, and even for evermore.

Deus Misereatur. [*4th and 5th Sundays.*

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause His face to shine upon us.

That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee.

O let the nations be glad and sing for joy:

For Thou shall judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee.

Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Then a Lesson from the New Testament, after which an Anthem as follows:

Benedic, anima mea. [*First Sunday.*

BLESS the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy Name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases.

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies.

Bless the Lord, ye His angels, that excel in strength.

That do His commandments, hearkening unto the voice of His word.

Bless ye the Lord, all ye His hosts, ye ministers of His, that do His pleasure.

Bless the Lord, all His works in all places of His dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul.

Exaltate Deus! [*Second Sunday.*

BE Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let Thy glory be above all the earth.

My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.

Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp: I myself will awake early.

I will praise Thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto Thee among the nations.

For Thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and Thy truth unto the clouds.

Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: let Thy glory be above all the earth.

Dominus regit me. [*Third Sunday.*

THE Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.

For Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me, in the presence of mine enemies.

Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Deus noster refugium. [*4th and 5th Sundays.*

GOD is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed;

And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.

Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled; though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God.

The holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: He uttered his voice, the earth melted.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

THE APOSTLES' CREED.

I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; The third day He rose from the dead; He ascended

into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Church universal, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; and the Life everlasting. Amen.

Or this:

I BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; Who, for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who, with the Father and the Son together, is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the prophets.

I believe in one holy Church universal, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Minister.

THE Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray. [*All Kneeling.*]

O Lord, show Thy mercy upon us.

Answer. And grant us Thy salvation.

Minister. Lord, hear our prayer.

Answer. And let our cry come unto Thee.

Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer. And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

A COLLECT FOR PEACE.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION.

ALMIGHTY God, by whose will we were created, by whose providence we have been sustained, and by whose mercy we have been called to the knowledge of eternal life, vouchsafe unto us evermore Thy preserving and protecting grace. Unto Thee who hast been the support of our infancy, the help of our youth, and the guide of our advancing years, do we commit our lives for the time to come. Lighten our darkness, and defend us from all perils and dangers. In all our ways may we acknowledge Thee; and wilt Thou direct our paths. In prosperity give us grace to use with moderation our several enjoyments, and a compassionate spirit for the wants of others. Save us from those temptations which might occasion our fall, and in adversity impart unto us patience and strength. These blessings we ask in the name of our only Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, And all in Civil Authority.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, the high and mighty Ruler of the universe, who dost from Thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; most heartily we beseech Thee with Thy favor to behold and bless Thy servant THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, and all others in authority; and so replenish them with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that they may always incline to Thy will, and walk in Thy way. Endue them plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant them in health and prosperity long to live; and finally, after this life, to attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR MINISTERS AND PEOPLE.

MOST Gracious God, send Thy blessing, we beseech Thee, upon all the ministering servants of Thy Word, and so replenish them with the truth of Thy doctrine, and endue them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve before Thee, to the glory of Thy great Name and to the benefit of Thy holy Church. And to all Thy people give Thy heavenly grace, that with meek heart and due reverence they may hear and receive Thy holy Word, truly serving Thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life, through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR YOUTH AND INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.

ALMIGHTY God, the author of all being, our only true guide and protector, visit with Thy blessing, we pray Thee, our Sunday-schools and Seminaries of learning. Inspire the teachers with a proper sense of their solemn duties, and with grace and strength to fulfil them. May our youth be trained up in Thy nurture and admonition. Implant in their hearts that fear of the Lord which is the beginning of

knowledge, and that faith which worketh by love and overcometh the world. Fill their memories with the words of Thy law. Open their understandings to the truth, as it is in Jesus; so that, made wise unto salvation, they may escape the pollutions of error and sin, and become strong in Thy hands for the maintenance of pure and undefiled religion among men. Grant this for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Saviour. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR MISSIONARIES.

O LORD, who didst come from heaven to seek and to save the lost, grant Thy blessing, we beseech Thee, upon Thy servants, the Missionaries, who are extending the knowledge of Thy Cross in the dark places of the earth. Preserve them from every danger to which they may be exposed, from perils by land or sea, from persecution and pestilence, from discouragement in their labors, and from the devices of the adversary. May they see Thy work prospering in their hands; and do Thou hasten the time, O Gracious Saviour, when the multitude of the heathen shall be gathered into Thy fold, and when all in every land who neglect Thy salvation shall be converted unto Thee. And to Thy Name be the praise, to whom, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN FAITH.

ALMIGHTY and ever blessed God, Thou King Eternal, Immortal, and Invisible, who sittest in the highest heavens, and art exalted above all blessing and praise, dispose our minds, we beseech Thee, to receive with meekness every doctrine which Thou hast revealed. Teach us to know Thee, our God, to adore Thee for Thy holiness, and to love Thee for Thy goodness to the children of men. Open Thou our eyes, that we may see ourselves to be sinners in thy sight, partakers of a fallen nature, as well as

actual transgressors against Thee. Make us to know our continual need both of Thy pardoning mercy and Thy quickening grace. Enable us to receive Jesus Christ as the only Saviour of our souls. May we trust in His death upon the cross as the all-sufficient atonement for our offences, and rely on His intercession as our only hope. Rejoicing in Thy free salvation, and renouncing our own righteousness, may we ever acknowledge Thee as our Lord, and walk in the way of Thy commandments, laboring in Thy service, and striving against every sin: which blessings we ask in the name and through the merits of the same Jesus Christ, our blessed Redeemer. Amen.

A THANKSGIVING.

TO our prayers, O Lord, we join our unfeigned thanks for all Thy mercies; for our being, our reason, and all other endowments and faculties of soul and body; for our health, friends, food and raiment, and all the other comforts and conveniences of life. Above all, we adore Thy mercy in sending Thy only Son into the world, to redeem us from sin and eternal death; and in giving us the knowledge and sense of our duty towards Thee. We bless Thee for Thy patience with us, notwithstanding our many and great provocations; for all the directions, assistances, and comforts of the Holy Spirit; for Thy continual care and watchful providence over us through the whole course of our lives; and particularly for the mercies and benefits of this day: beseeching Thee to continue these Thy blessings to us; and to give us grace to show our thankfulness in a sincere obedience to His laws, through whose merits and intercession we received them all, Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Here the Minister may use such other prayers or thanksgivings as occasion may require, either written or extempore, or he may give a space for silent prayer.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in Thy Son's name, we beseech Thee mercifully to incline Thine ears unto us, who have now made our prayers and supplications unto Thee; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to Thy will may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of Thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

2 Cor. xiii. 14.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

After singing should follow the Psalter and Collect for the day.

Litany Service.

To be used Instead of either of the Preceding Services, at Discretion.

Let the LITANY SERVICE be opened by the Singing of a Hymn or Anthem.

Minister.

IF we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Answer. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Minister. Lord, hear our prayer.

Answer. And let our cry come unto Thee.

Minister. Let us pray : [*All Kneeling.*]

Minister and People.

TURN Thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned. Be favorable, O Lord, Be favorable to Thy people, Who turn to Thee repenting and praying. For Thou art a merciful God, Full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great pity. Thou sparest when we deserve punishment, And in Thy wrath thinkest upon mercy. Spare Thy people, good Lord, spare them, And let not Thine heritage be brought to confusion. Hear us, O Lord, for Thy mercy is great, And after the multitude of Thy mercies look upon us ; Through the merits and mediation of Thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Minister.

O MOST mighty God, and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that Thou hast made; who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his sin, and be saved; mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Thy property is always to have mercy; to Thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins; spare us, therefore, good Lord; spare Thy people, whom Thou hast redeemed; enter not into judgment with Thy servants, who are vile earth, and miserable sinners; but so turn Thine anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our vileness, and truly repent us of our faults; and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with Thee in the world to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Minister.

GIVE ear to the words of our mouth, O God.

And despise not the sighing of our contrite hearts.

Let our prayer be set before Thee as the incense;

And the lifting up of our hands as the evening sacrifice.

O remember not against us former iniquities.

Let Thy tender mercy speedily deliver us.

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy Name.

And deliver us, and purge away our sins, for Thy Name's sake.

Turn us, O God of hosts, and cause Thy face to shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

So will we not go back from Thee; quicken us, and we will call upon Thy Name.

So we Thy people and sheep of Thy pasture, will give Thee thanks for ever.

We will show forth Thy praise to all generations.

Here, all standing up, let the Minister say,

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Miserere mei.

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy loving-kindness;

According unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against Thee, Thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight;

That Thou mightest be justified when Thou speakest, and be clear when Thou judgest.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Hide Thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free Spirit.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

Or this: *Domine, ne in Furore.*

O LORD, rebuke me not in Thy wrath; neither chasten me in Thy hot displeasure.

For mine iniquities are gone over mine head:

As an heavy burden they are too heavy for me.

I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long.

Lord, all my desire is before Thee, and my groaning is not hid from Thee.

For in Thee, O Lord, do I hope; Thou wilt hear, O Lord my God.

For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin.

Forsake me not, O Lord: O my God, be not far from me.

Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation.

Here let there be read a Lesson from the Old Testament.

Ad te, Domine.

UNTO Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

Show me Thy ways, O Lord, teach me Thy paths. Lead me in Thy truth, and teach me;

For Thou art the God of my salvation; on Thee do I wait all the day.

Remember, O Lord, Thy tender mercies and Thy loving kindnesses; for they have been ever of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions.

According to Thy mercy remember Thou me for Thy goodness' sake, O Lord.

Good and upright is the Lord, therefore will He teach sinners in the way.

The meek will He guide in judgment, and the meek will He teach His way.

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.

For Thy Name's sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity, for it is great.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear Him, upon them that hope in His mercy.

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in Thee.

Or this: *Domine Exaudi.*

HEAR my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications.

In Thy faithfulness answer me, and in Thy righteousness.

And enter not into judgment with Thy servant, for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.

I stretch forth my hands unto Thee; my soul thirsteth after Thee, as a thirsty land.

Hear me speedily, O Lord, my spirit faileth. Hide not Thy face from me,

Lest I be like unto them that go down in the pit.

Cause me to hear Thy loving-kindness in the morning, for in Thee do I trust.

Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk, for I lift up my soul unto Thee.

Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies; I flee unto Thee to hide me.

Teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God.

Thy spirit is good, lead me into the land of uprightness. Quicken me, O Lord, for Thy Name's sake;

For Thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

Then let there be read a Lesson from the New Testament.

De Profundis.

OUT of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord.
Lord, hear my voice; let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

If Thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

But there is forgiveness with Thee, that Thou mayest be feared.

I wait for the Lord; my soul doth wait, and in His word do I hope.

My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning;

I say, more than they that watch for the morning.

Let Israel hope in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy;

And with Him is plenteous redemption; and He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Or this: *Magnificate Dominum.*

O MAGNIFY the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

O taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears are open unto their cry.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart, and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

The Lord redeemeth the soul of His servants, and none of them that trust in Him shall be desolate.

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I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord; Who was

conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; The third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Church universal, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; and the Life everlasting. Amen.

Minister.

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Minister. Let us pray. [*All Kneeling.*]

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Minister. Lord, hear our prayer.

Answer. And let our cry come unto Thee.

Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer. And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

Minister.

O GOD the Father, of heaven, have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

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O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

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O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God, have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

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Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither visit us according to our sins; spare us, good Lord, spare Thy people, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious blood, and be gracious unto us forever.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and mischief; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from Thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vain-glory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from plague, pestilence, and famine; from battle and murder, and from dying unprepared,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all sedition, privy conspiracy, and rebellion; from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of Thy Word and Commandment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation; by Thy holy Nativity and Circumcision; by Thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By Thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by Thy Cross and Passion; by Thy precious Death and Burial; by Thy glo-

rious Resurrection and Ascension, and by the coming of the Holy Ghost,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please Thee to rule and govern Thy holy Church universal in the right way;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to bless and preserve all Christian rulers and magistrates, giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to illuminate all ministers of Thy Gospel, with true knowledge and understanding of Thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth and show it accordingly;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to raise up and send forth more laborers unto Thy harvest;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to bless and keep all Thy people;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to remember Thine ancient people, and to remove the blindness that has happened unto them, that so all Israel may be saved;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give us an heart to love and fear Thee, and diligently to live after Thy commandments;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give to all Thy people increase of grace to hear meekly Thy Word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to accompany the preaching of Thy Word with Thy Holy Spirit, that it may have free course and be glorified;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to strengthen such as do stand, and to comfort and help the weak-hearted; and to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to succor, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to preserve all who travel by land or by water, all sick persons and young children; and to show Thy pity upon all prisoners and captives;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to defend, and provide for, the fatherless children, and widows, and all who are desolate and oppressed;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to have mercy upon all men;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give and preserve to our use

the kindly fruits of the earth, so that in due time we may enjoy them ;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give us true repentance, to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances, and to endue us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, to amend our lives according to Thy holy Word ;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to hasten the day of Thy manifesting, when Thou shalt come to be glorified in Thy saints ;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech Thee to hear us.

Son of God, we beseech Thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world ;

Grant us Thy peace.

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world ;

Have mercy upon us.

The following, to the Prayer beginning, "We humbly beseech Thee, O Father," may be omitted at the discretion of the Minister.

O CHRIST, hear us.

O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, deal not with us according to our sins.

Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

O God, merciful Father, who despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as are sorrowful ; Mercifully assist our prayers which we make before Thee

in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and graciously hear us, that those evils which the craft and subtilty of the devil or man worketh against us, may, by Thy good providence, be brought to nought; that we, Thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto Thee in Thy holy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us, for Thy Name's sake.

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble work that Thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.

O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us, for Thine honor.

From our enemies defend us, O Christ.

Graciously look upon our afflictions.

With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts.

Mercifully forgive the sins of Thy people.

Favorably with mercy hear our prayers.

O Son of David, have mercy upon us.

Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ.

Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

O Lord, let Thy mercy be showed upon us;

As we do put our trust in Thee.

WE humbly beseech Thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of Thy Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant, that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in Thy mercy, and evermore serve Thee in holiness and pureness of living, to Thy honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, bless us and keep us.

O Lord, make Thy face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us.

O Lord, lift up Thy countenance upon us, and give us peace, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

After singing should follow the Epistle, Gospel, Psalter and Collect, or the Psalter and Collect for the day, according as this Service is used in the morning or evening.

THE ORDER FOR THE

Celebration of the Lord's Supper,

OR THE

Holy Communion.

Upon the Sunday preceding the Celebration of the Holy Communion, the following notice thereof should be given by the Minister:

DEARLY beloved, on ——— next I purpose, through God's assistance, with all such as shall be religiously and devoutly disposed, to celebrate the most comfortable ordinance of the Supper of our Lord, in remembrance of His meritorious Cross and Passion, whereby alone we obtain remission of our sins, and are made partakers of the kingdom of heaven.

If among those who come to be partakers of the Holy Communion, the Minister shall know any one to be an open and notorious evil liver, or to have done any wrong to his neighbors by word or deed, so that the Congregation be thereby offended: he should admonish him, that he presume not to come to the Lord's Table, until he have openly declared himself to have truly repented and amended his former evil life, that the Congregation may thereby be satisfied.

The same order should the Minister use with those between whom he perceiveth malice and hatred to reign; not suffering them to be partakers of the Lord's Table, until he know them to be reconciled. And if one of the parties, so at variance, be content to forgive from the bottom of his heart all that the other hath trespassed against him, and to make amends of that wherein he himself hath offended; and the other party will not be persuaded to a godly unity, but remain still in his frowardness and malice; the Minister in that case ought to admit the penitent person to the Holy Communion, and not him that is obstinate.

The Table, at the Communion time, having a fair white linen cloth upon it, and so much bread and wine as the Minister shall think sufficient, should stand in the body of the Church or in the chancel.

Let the Service begin with the singing of a Hymn or Anthem.

Minister.

THE Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray. [*All Kneeling.*]

O Lord, show Thy mercy upon us.

Answer. And grant us Thy salvation.

Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer. And strengthen us with Thy Holy Spirit more and more.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Minister.

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOD spake these words and said: I am the Lord thy God: Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I, the Lord thy God, am a jealous God, visiting the

iniquity of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember the Sabbath-day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt not do any work; thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not kill.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not steal.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these Thy laws in our hearts, we beseech Thee.

Minister.

Hear also what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

THOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment; and the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to do Thy will.

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to do Thy will.

Ye have heard that it hath been said: Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy: but I say unto you: Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them who despitefully use you and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father who is in heaven; for He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to do Thy will.

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to do Thy will.

Take no thought, saying: What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to do Thy will.

Judge not, that ye be not judged; for with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to do Thy will.

All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to do Thy will.

Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning, and ye yourselves like unto men who wait for their Lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open to him immediately. Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord, when He cometh, shall find watching.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these Thy words in our hearts, we beseech Thee.

Minister.

ALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of Thy laws, and in the works of Thy commandments; that, through Thy most mighty protection, both now and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Here, all rising, let there be sung the following Anthem:

Legem pone.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep Thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

Make me to go in the path of Thy commandments; for therein do I delight.

Incline my heart unto Thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.

Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken Thou me in Thy way.

Establish Thy word unto Thy servant, who is devoted to Thy fear.

Turn away my reproach which I fear: for Thy judgments are good.

Behold, I have longed after Thy precepts; quicken me in Thy righteousness.

Minister and People

I BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father; by whom all

things were made ; Who, for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried ; And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures ; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead ; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who, with the Father and the Son together, is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the prophets.

I believe in one holy Church universal, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Next should follow the Epistle, Gospel, Psalter, and Collect for the day.

Then, after a Hymn, should follow the Sermon ; after which the Deacons, Church Wardens, or other fit persons appointed for that purpose, should proceed to collect the alms or contributions of the people, and bring them to the Minister ; he, meanwhile, reading one or more of the following sentences :

NOT every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven ; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven. *St. Matt.* vii. 21.

Give, and it shall be given unto you ; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal, it shall be measured to you again. *St. Luke* vi. 38.

Zaccheus stood and said unto the Lord, Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor ; and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold. *St. Luke* xix. 8.

Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges ? Who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof ? Or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock ? 1 *Cor.* ix. 7.

If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things ? 1 *Cor.* ix. 11.

Do ye not know that they who minister about holy things live of the things of the temple, and they who wait at the altar are partakers with the altar ?

Even so hath the Lord ordained that they who preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel. 1 *Cor.* ix. 13, 14.

He who soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he who soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver. 2 *Cor.* ix. 6, 7.

Let him that is taught in the Word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. *Gal.* vi. 6.

Be not deceived, God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. *Gal.* vi. 7.

As we have opportunity, let us do good unto all men; especially unto them who are of the household of faith. *Gal.* vi. 10.

Godliness with contentment is great gain; for we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 1 *Tim.* vi. 6, 7.

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life. 1 *Tim.* vi. 17, 18, 19.

To do good, and to communicate, forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. *Heb.* xiii. 16.

Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? 1 *St. John* iii. 17.

Let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. 1 *St. John* iii. 18

He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will He pay him again. *Prov.* xix. 17.

Blessed is he that considereth the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. *Psalm* xli. 1.

God is not unrighteous, to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have shewed toward His Name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. *Heb.* vi. 10.

Minister.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant.

ALMIGHTY and ever-living God, who by Thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; we humbly beseech Thee most mercifully [*to accept our alms*, and] * to receive these

* If there be no alms, then should the enclosed words be omitted.

our prayers, which we offer unto Thy Divine Majesty; beseeching Thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who confess Thy holy Name may agree in the truth of Thy holy Word, and live in unity, and godly love. We beseech Thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of Thy true religion, and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all ministers of Thy Gospel, that they may both by their life and doctrine, set forth Thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer Thy holy ordinances. And to all Thy people give Thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive Thy holy Word; truly serving Thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech Thee, of Thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless Thy holy Name for all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear; beseeching Thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that we may have an abundant entrance into Thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

EXHORTATION.

DEARLY beloved in the Lord, ye who mind to come to this holy Communion, should consider how St. Paul exhorteth all persons diligently to try and examine themselves, before they eat of that Bread, and drink of that Cup. Judge, therefore, yourselves, brethren, that ye be not judged of the Lord; repent ye truly for your sins past; have a living and steadfast faith in Christ our Saviour; amend your lives, and be in perfect charity with all men.

And above all things, ye should give most humble and hearty thanks to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, for the redemption of the world by the death and passion of our Saviour Christ, both God and man; who did humble Himself, even to the death upon the Cross, for us, miserable sinners, who lay in darkness and the shadow of death; that He might make us the children of God, and exalt us to everlasting life. And to the end that we should always remember the exceeding great love of our Master, and only Saviour, Jesus Christ, thus dying for us, and the innumerable benefits which by His precious blood-shedding He hath obtained for us; He hath given us these pledges of His love, for a continual remembrance of His death to our great and endless comfort. To Him, therefore, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, let us give (as we are most bounden) continual thanks; submitting ourselves to His holy will and pleasure, and studying to serve Him in true holiness and righteousness all the days of our life. Amen.

INVITATION.

YE who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in His holy ways; draw near with faith, and take this holy supper to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

And the Minister may add,

THIS invitation is cordially extended, not only to all visiting disciples of our own communion, but also to all who are members in good standing of other Christian denominations. In the name of Jesus Christ we say to all who truly love Him, ye are welcome to this feast of love. We are all one in Christ.

CONFESSION (*All kneeling*).

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against Thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Minister (*standing*).

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to Him.

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *St. Matt.* xi. 28.

God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *St. John* iii. 16.

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 *Tim.* i. 15.

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He is the Propitiation for our sins. 1 *St. John* ii. 1, 2.

Minister.

LIFT up your hearts.

Answer. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Answer. It is meet and right so to do.

Minister.

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, [Holy Father,]* Almighty, Everlasting God.

Here may follow the proper Preface, according to the time, if there be any specially appointed; or else immediately should be said by the Minister and People.

THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name; evermore praising Thee, and saying, Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of Thy glory; Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High. Amen.

Proper Prefaces.

Upon CHRISTMAS-DAY, and seven days after.

BECAUSE Thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born as at this time for us; who, by the operation of the Holy Ghost, was made very man, of the substance of the Virgin Mary, His mother; and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin. Therefore with angels, etc.

Upon EASTER-DAY, and seven days after.

BUT chiefly are we bound to praise Thee for the glorious Resurrection of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for He is the true Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by His death, and by his rising to life again, hath restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels, etc.

Upon ASCENSION-DAY, and seven days after.

THROUGH Thy most dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who, after His most glorious Resurrection, manifestly appeared to all His Apostles, and in their sight ascended up into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is thither we might also ascend, and reign with Him in glory. Therefore with angels, etc.

Upon WHIT-SUNDAY, and six days after.

THROUGH Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose most true promise, the Holy Ghost came down as at this time from heaven, with a sudden great sound, in the likeness of fiery tongues, lighting upon the Apostles, to

* These words "Holy Father" should be omitted on Trinity Sunday.

teach them, and to lead them to all truth, giving them both the gift of divers languages, and also boldness with fervent zeal constantly to preach the Gospel unto all nations; whereby we have been brought out of darkness and error into the clear light and true knowledge of Thee, and of Thy Son, Jesus Christ. Therefore with angels, etc.

Upon the FEAST OF TRINITY only, may be said,

WHO art one God, one Lord, not one only Person, but three Persons in one substance. For that which we believe of the glory of the Father, the same we believe of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, without any difference or inequality. Therefore with angels, etc.

Or else this may be said, the words (Holy Father) being retained in the introductory address.

FOR the precious death and merits of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and for the sending to us of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, who are one with Thee in Thy eternal Godhead. Therefore with angels, etc.

Minister, kneeling at the Lord's Table.

WE do not presume to come to this Thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Thy table. But Thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to commemorate the death of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, that being washed and made clean through His most precious blood, we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.

ALL glory be to Thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that Thou, of Thy tender mercy, didst give Thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there (by His one oblation of Himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in His holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that His precious death, until His coming again: for in the night in which He was betrayed, He took Bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it, and gave to His disciples, saying, Take, eat, this

is my body, which is given for you ; do this in remembrance of me. Likewise, after supper, He took the Cup ; and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this ; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins ; do this as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

WHEREFORE, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of Thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we, Thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before Thy Divine Majesty, the memorial Thy Son hath commanded us to make ; having in remembrance His blessed passion and precious death, His mighty resurrection and glorious ascension ; rendering unto Thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same. And we earnestly desire Thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving ; most humbly beseeching Thee to grant, that by the merits and death of Thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in His blood, we and all Thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of His passion. And here we offer and present unto Thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto Thee, humbly beseeching Thee, that we may be filled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with Christ, that He may dwell in us and we in Him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto Thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech Thee to accept this our bounden duty and service ; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord ; by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto Thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

Here let there be sung a Hymn or an Anthem.

Then, after a space for silent prayer, let the Minister first receive the Communion in both kinds himself, and proceed to deliver the same to the Clergy, in like manner, (if any be with him in the Chancel,) and, after that, to the people also in order, into their hands. And when he delivereth the bread, let him say:

TAKE and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on Him in thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

And let the Minister who delivereth the Cup, say:

DRINK this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

When all have communicated, let there be sung a hymn from the selection.

Or this:

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Minister.

LET US PRAY. [*All Kneeling.*]

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, who didst ordain in this holy Supper, a perpetual memorial of thy bitter passion and atoning death, and dost invite us to Thy table, that our souls may be nourished by Thee, the Bread of eternal life; grant unto us, we beseech Thee, such faith in Thy

promises that we may receive the full fruition of Thy love, and attain at last, with all Thy saints, to the marriage supper in the kingdom of Thy glory, where Thou livest and reignest, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

O Blessed Saviour, whose love to sinners passeth the comprehension of men and of angels, and will be the theme of grateful praise throughout the ages of eternity; impress upon us, we beseech Thee, such a deep and abiding sense of our indebtedness for Thy great salvation, that we may wholly live to Thy glory, and serve Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, until we join in the songs of Thy redeemed in heaven, where, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, Thou art worshiped and glorified, world without end. Amen.

Then let the Minister dismiss them with this benediction:

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Or this:

THE God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will; working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

THE

Epistles, Gospels, Psalter, and Collects,

TO BE USED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

When the Minister readeth the Epistle he should say, The Epistle (or the portion of Scripture appointed for the Epistle) is written in the —— chapter of ——, beginning at the —— verse. And, the Epistle ended, he should say, Here endeth the Epistle. The Holy Gospel is written in the —— chapter of ——, beginning at the —— verse.

Here the people should rise and say:

GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD.

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—Rom. xiii. 8.

OWE no man anything, but to love one another; for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Matt. xxi. 1.

WHEN they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the Mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her; loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say aught unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them; and brought the ass and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set Him thereon. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strewed them in the way. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest! And when He was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this? and the multitude said, This is Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth of Galilee. And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money-changers, and the seats of them that sold doves, and said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

PSALM XVIII.—Part 1.

I WILL love Thee, O Lord, my strength.

2. The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

3. I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

4. The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.

5. The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me.

6. In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried unto my God:

He heard my voice out of His temple, and my cry came before Him, even into His ears.

7. Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because He was wroth.

8. There went up a smoke out of His nostrils, and fire out of His mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.

9. He bowed the heavens also, and came down; and darkness was under His feet.

10. And He rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, He did fly upon the wings of the wind.

11. He made darkness His secret place; his pavilion round about Him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies.

12. At the brightness that was before Him His thick clouds passed, hail-stones and coals of fire.

13. The Lord also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave His voice; hail-stones and coals of fire.

14. Yea, He sent out His arrows, and scattered them; and He shot out lightnings, and discomfited them.

15. Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at Thy rebuke, O Lord, at the blast of the breath of Thy nostrils.

16. He sent from above, He took me, He drew me out of many waters.

17. He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me.

18. They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the Lord was my stay.

19. He brought me forth also into a large place; He delivered me, because he delighted in me.

20. The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath He recompensed me.

21. For I have kept the ways of the Lord, and have not wickedly departed from my God.

22. For all His judgments were before me, and I did not put away his statutes from me.

23. I was also upright before Him, and I kept myself from mine iniquity.

24. Therefore hath the Lord recompensed me according to my

righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his eye-sight.

25. With the merciful Thou wilt shew Thyself merciful; with an upright man Thou wilt shew Thyself upright;

26. With the pure Thou wilt shew Thyself pure; and with the froward Thou wilt shew Thyself froward.

27. For Thou wilt save the afflicted people; but will bring down high looks.

28. For Thou wilt light my candle: the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness.

29. For by Thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that, in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the quick and dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through Him who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM XVIII.—Part 2.

30. As for God, His way is perfect: the word of the Lord is tried; He is a buckler to all those that trust in Him.

31. For who is God save the Lord? or who is a rock save our God?

32. It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect.

33. He maketh my feet like hinds' feet, and setteth me upon my high places.

34. He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.

35. Thou hast also given me the shield of Thy salvation; and Thy right hand hath holden me up, and Thy gentleness hath made me great.

36. Thou hast enlarged my steps under me, that my feet did not slip.

37. I have pursued mine enemies, and overtaken them: neither did I turn again till they were consumed.

38. I have wounded them that they were not able to rise: they are fallen under my feet.

39. For Thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle: Thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me.

40. Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies; that I might destroy them that hate me.

41. They cried, but there was none to save them: even unto the Lord, but He answered them not.

42. Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind: I did cast them out as the dirt in the streets.

43. Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people; and Thou hast made me the head of the heathen: a people whom I have not known shall serve me.

44. As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: the strangers shall submit themselves unto me.

45. The strangers shall fade away, and be afraid out of their close places.

46. The Lord liveth; and blessed be my Rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

47. It is God that avengeth me, and subdueth the people under me.

48. He delivereth me from mine enemies: yea, Thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me: Thou hast delivered me from the violent man.

49. Therefore will I give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, among the heathen, and sing praises unto Thy name.

50. Great deliverance giveth He to His king; and sheweth mercy to His anointed, to David and to his seed for evermore.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—Rom. xv. 4.

WHATSOEVER things were written aforetime were written for our learning; that we, through patience, and comfort of the Scriptures, might have hope. Now, the God of patience and consolation grant you to be like minded one toward another, according to Christ Jesus; that ye may, with one mind and one mouth, glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us, to the glory of God. Now I say, that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision, for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers; and that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to Thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto Thy name: and again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with His people: and again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud Him, all ye people. And again Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and He that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, in Him shall the Gentiles trust. Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Luke xxi. 25.

AND there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and

for looking after those things which are coming on the earth; for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh. And He spake to them a parable: Behold the fig-tree, and all the trees; when they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves, that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Verily I say unto you, this generation shall not pass away till all be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away; but my word shall not pass away.

PSALM L.

THE mighty God, even the Lord, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.

2. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined.

3. Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence; a fire shall devour before Him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about Him.

4. He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that He may judge His people.

5. Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.

6. And the heavens shall declare His righteousness: for God is judge Himself.

7. Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I will testify against thee: I am God, even thy God.

8. I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices or thy burnt-offerings, to have been continually before me.

9. I will take no bullock out of thy house, nor he-goats out of thy folds:

10. For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills.

11. I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine.

12. If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.

13. Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

14. Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the Most High:

15. And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

16. But unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or that thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth?

17. Seeing thou hatest instruction, and castest my words behind thee.

18. When thou sawest a thief, then thou consentedst with him, and hast been partaker with adulterers.

19. Thou givest thy mouth to evil, and thy tongue frameth deceit.

20. Thou sittest and speaketh against thy brother; thou slanderest thine own mother's son.

21. These things hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether such a one as thyself: but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes.

22. Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver.

23. Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I show the salvation of God.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, by patience and comfort of Thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM XC.

LORD, Thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations.

2. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.

3. Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

4. For a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

5. Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

6. In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

7. For we are consumed by Thine anger, and by Thy wrath are we troubled.

8. Thou hast set our iniquities before Thee, our secret sins in the light of Thy countenance.

9. For all our days are passed away in Thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told.

10. The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

11. Who knoweth the power of Thine anger? even according to Thy fear, so is Thy wrath.

12. So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

13. Return, O Lord, how long? and let it repent Thee concerning Thy servants.

14. O satisfy us early with Thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

15. Make us glad according to the days wherein Thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil.

16. Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants, and Thy glory unto their children.

17. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and

establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—1 Cor. iv. 1.

LET a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. But with me it is a very small thing, that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self. For I know nothing by myself, yet am I not hereby justified; but He that judgeth me is the Lord. Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Matt. xi. 2.

NOW when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, and said unto Him, Art Thou He that should come, or do we look for another? Jesus answered and said unto them, Go, and show John again those things which ye do hear and see: the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the

lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them: and blessed is he whosoever shall not be offended in me. And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind? But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet. For this is he of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before Thy face, which shall prepare Thy way before Thee.

PSALM XCIII.

THE Lord reigneth, He is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith He hath girded Himself: the world also is established, that it cannot be moved.

2. Thy throne is established of old: Thou art from everlasting.

3. The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.

4. The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.

5. Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh Thine house, O Lord, for ever.

PSALM XCIV.

O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongeth; O God, to whom vengeance belongeth, shew Thyself.

2. Lift up Thyself, thou Judge of the earth; render a reward to the proud.

3. Lord, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph?

4. How long shall they utter and speak hard things? and all the workers of iniquity boast themselves?

5. They break in pieces Thy people, O Lord, and afflict Thine heritage.

6. They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless.

7. Yet they say, The Lord shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob regard it.

8. Understand, ye brutish among the people: and ye fools, when will ye be wise?

9. He that planted the ear, shall He not hear? He that formed the eye, shall He not see?

10. He that chastiseth the heathen, shall not He correct? He that teacheth man knowledge, shall not He know?

11. The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity.

12. Blessed is the man whom Thou chastenest, O Lord, and teachest him out of Thy law;

13. That Thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked.

14. For the Lord will not cast off His people, neither will He forsake His inheritance.

15. But judgment shall return unto righteousness; and all the upright in heart shall follow it.

16. Who will rise up for me against the evil doers? or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?

17. Unless the Lord had been my help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence.

18. When I said, My foot slippeth; Thy mercy, O Lord, held me up.

19. In the multitude of my thoughts within me, Thy comforts delight my soul.

20. Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with Thee, which frameth mischief by a law?

21. They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood.

22. But the Lord is my defence; and my God is the rock of my refuge.

23. And He shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; yea, the Lord our God shall cut them off.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, who, at Thy first coming, didst send Thy messenger to prepare Thy way before Thee, grant that the ministers and stewards of Thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready Thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that, at Thy second coming to judge the world, we may be found an acceptable people in Thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM XCV.

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

2. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.

3. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

4. In His hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is His also.

5. The sea is His, and He made it: and His hands formed the dry land.

6. O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7. For He is our God; and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

8. To-day if ye will hear His voice, harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness:

9. When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work.

10. Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways:

11. Unto whom I sware in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.

PSALM XCVI.

O SING unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the earth.

2. Sing unto the Lord, bless His name; shew forth His salvation from day to day.

3. Declare His glory among the heathen, His wonders among all people.

4. For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised: He is to be feared above all gods.

5. For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the Lord made the heavens.

6. Honor and majesty are before Him: strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

7. Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength.

8. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name: bring an offering, and come into His courts.

9. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before Him, all the earth.

10. Say among the heathen that the Lord reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: He shall judge the people righteously.

11. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.

12. Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord:

13. For He cometh, for He cometh to judge the earth: He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with His truth.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that

takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—Phil. iv. 4.

REJOICE in the Lord alway; and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

THE GOSPEL.—St. John i. 19.

THIS is the record of John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No. Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us: what sayest thou of thyself? He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias. And they who were sent were of the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet? John answered them, saying, I baptize with water; but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not; He it is, who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose. These things were done in Bethabara, beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.

PSALM XCVII.

THE Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.

2. Clouds and darkness are round about Him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of His throne.

3. A fire goeth before Him, and burneth up His enemies round about.

4. His lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled.

5. The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6. The heavens declare His righteousness, and all the people see His glory.

7. Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: worship Him, all ye gods.

8. Zion heard, and was glad; and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of Thy judgments, O Lord.

9. For Thou, Lord, art high above all the earth: Thou art exalted far above all gods.

10. Ye that love the Lord, hate evil; He preserveth the souls of His saints; He delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

11. Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.

12. Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness.

PSALM XCVIII.

O SING unto the Lord a new song; for He hath done marvellous things: His right hand, and His holy arm, hath gotten Him the victory.

2. The Lord hath made known His salvation: His righteousness hath He openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.

3. He hath remembered His mercy and His truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

4. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

5. Sing unto the Lord with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm.

6. With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the Lord, the King.

7. Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

8. Let the floods clap their hands: let the hills be joyful together before the Lord; for He cometh to judge the earth:

9. With righteousness shall He judge the world, and the people with equity.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

O LORD, raise up, we pray Thee, Thy power, and come among us, and with great might succor us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sorely crippled and hindered in running the race that is set before us, Thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us, through the satisfaction of Thy Son our Lord; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM CII.

HEAR my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come unto Thee.

2. Hide not Thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble: incline Thine ear unto me: in the day when I call answer me speedily.

3. For my days are consumed like smoke, and my bones are burned as a hearth.

4. My heart is smitten, and withered like grass; so that I forget to eat my bread.

5. By reason of the voice of my groaning my bones cleave to my skin.

6. I am like a pelican of the wilderness: I am like an owl of the desert.

7. I watch, and am as a sparrow alone upon the housetop.

8. Mine enemies reproach me all the day; and they that are mad against me are sworn against me.

9. For I have eaten ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping,

10. Because of Thine indignation and Thy wrath: for Thou hast lifted me up, and cast me down.

11. My days are like a shadow that declineth; and I am withered like grass.

12. But Thou, O Lord, shalt endure for ever; and Thy remembrance unto all generations.

13. Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favor her, yea, the set time, is come.

14. For Thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favor the dust thereof.

15. So the heathen shall fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth Thy glory.

16. When the Lord shall build up Zion, He shall appear in His glory.

17. He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.

18. This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the Lord.

19. For He hath looked down from the height of His sanctuary; from heaven did the Lord behold the earth;

20. To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death:

21. To declare the name of the Lord in Zion, and His praise in Jerusalem:

22. When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the Lord.

23. He weakened my strength in the way; He shortened my days.

24. I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days; Thy years are throughout all generations.

25. Of old hast Thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of Thy hands.

26. They shall perish, but Thou shalt endure: yea, all of them

shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt Thou change them, and they shall be changed:

27. But Thou art the same, and Thy years shall have no end.

28. The children of Thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before Thee.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD,

OR THE BIRTH-DAY OF CHRIST, COMMONLY CALLED CHRISTMAS-DAY.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—Heb. i. 1.

GOD, who at sundry times, and in divers manners, spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath, in these last days, spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; being made so much better than the angels, as He hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said He at any time, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten Thee? and again, I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to me a Son? And again, when He bringeth in the first-begotten into the world, He saith, And let all the angels of God worship Him.

And of the angels He saith, Who maketh His angels spirits, and His ministers a flame of fire. But unto the Son He saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever; a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of Thy kingdom. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even Thy God, hath anointed Thee with the oil of gladness above Thy fellows. And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning, hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of Thine hands: they shall perish, but Thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; and as a vesture shalt Thou fold them up, and they shall be changed; but Thou art the same, and Thy years shall not fail.

THE GOSPEL.—St. John i. 1.

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through Him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only-begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

PSALM XLV.

MY heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the King: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

2. Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

3. Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most Mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty.

4. And in thy majesty ride prosperously, because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

5. Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the King's enemies: whereby the people fall under thee.

6. Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of Thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

7. Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

8. All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.

9. Kings' daughters were among thy honorable women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir.

10. Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear: forget also thine own people, and thy father's house;

11. So shall the King greatly desire thy beauty: for He is thy Lord; and worship thou Him.

12. And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift; even the rich among the people shall entreat thy favor.

13. The King's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold.

14. She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needlework: the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee.

15. With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the King's palace.

16. Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children, whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth.

17. I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations: therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.

PSALM LXXXV.

LORD, Thou hast been favorable unto Thy land: Thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

2. Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of Thy people; Thou hast covered all their sin.

3. Thou hast taken away all Thy wrath: Thou hast turned Thyself from the fierceness of Thine anger.

4. Turn us, O God of our salvation, and cause Thine anger toward us to cease.

5. Wilt Thou be angry with us for ever? wilt Thou draw out Thine anger to all generations?

6. Wilt Thou not revive us again: that Thy people may rejoice in Thee?

7. Shew us Thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us Thy salvation.

8. I will hear what God the Lord will speak: for He will speak peace unto His people, and to His saints: but let them not turn again to folly.

9. Surely His salvation is nigh them that fear Him: that glory may dwell in our land.

10. Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11. Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12. Yea, the Lord shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase.

13. Righteousness shall go before Him; and shall set us in the way of His steps.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us Thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin, grant that we, being regenerate and made Thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Thy Holy Spirit, through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM CX.

THE Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

2. The Lord shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

3. Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.

4. The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

5. The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of His wrath.

6. He shall judge among the heathen, He shall fill the places with the dead bodies; He shall wound the heads over many countries.

7. He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall He lift up the head.

PSALM CXXXII.

LORD, remember David, and all his afflictions.

2. How he sware unto the Lord, and vowed unto the mighty God of Jacob;

3. Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house, nor go up into my bed;

4. I will not give sleep to mine eyes, or slumber to mine eyelids,

5. Until I find out a place for the Lord, a habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.

6. Lo, we heard of it at Ephratah: we found it in the fields of the wood.

7. We will go into His tabernacles: we will worship at His footstool.

8. Arise, O Lord, into Thy rest; Thou, and the ark of Thy strength.

9. Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let Thy saints shout for joy.

10. For Thy servant David's sake turn not away the face of Thine anointed.

11. The Lord hath sworn in truth unto David; He will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.

12. If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore.

13. For the Lord hath chosen Zion; He hath desired it for His habitation.

14. This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.

15. I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread.

16. I will also clothe her priests with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.

17. There will I make the horn of David to bud: I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed.

18. His enemies will I clothe with shame: but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—Gal. iv. 1.

NOW I say, that the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; but is under tutors and governors, until the time appointed of the father. Even

so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world; but when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the Law, to redeem them that were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying Abba, Father. Wherefore Thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God, through Christ.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Matt. i. 18.

THE birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: when as His mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, Behold the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost: and she shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call His name JESUS; for He shall save His people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which, being interpreted, is, God with us. Then Joseph, being raised from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife; and knew her not till she had brought forth her first-born son; and he called his name Jesus.

PSALM LXXXIX.—Part 1.

I WILL sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever: with my mouth will I make known Thy faithfulness to all generations.

2. For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: Thy faithfulness shalt Thou establish in the very heavens.

3. I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant,

4. Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up Thy throne to all generations.

5. And the heavens shall praise Thy wonders, O Lord: Thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.

6. For who in the heaven can be compared unto the Lord? who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the Lord?

7. God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him.

8. O Lord God of hosts, who is a strong Lord like unto Thee? or to Thy faithfulness round about Thee?

9. Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, Thou stillest them.

10. Thou hast broken Rahab in pieces, as one that is slain; Thou hast scattered Thine enemies with Thy strong arm.

11. The heavens are Thine, the earth also is Thine: as for the world and the fulness thereof, Thou hast founded them.

12. The north and the south Thou hast created them: Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in Thy name.

13. Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is Thy hand, and high is Thy right hand.

14. Justice and judgment are the habitation of Thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before Thy face.

15. Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance.

16. In Thy Name shall they rejoice all the day: and in Thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

17. For Thou art the glory of their strength: and in Thy favor our horn shall be exalted.

18. For the Lord is our defence; and the Holy One of Israel is our King.

19. Then Thou spakest in vision to Thy Holy One, and saidst, I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people.

20. I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him:

21. With whom my hand shall be established: mine arm also shall strengthen him.

22. The enemy shall not exact upon him; nor the son of wickedness afflict him.

23. And I will beat down his foes before his face, and plague them that hate him.

24. But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted.

25. I will set his hand also in the sea, and his right hand in the rivers.

26. He shall cry unto me, Thou art my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation.

27. Also I will make him my first-born, higher than the kings of the earth.

28. My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him.

29. His seed also will I make to endure for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven.

30. If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments;

31. If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments;

32. Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.

33. Nevertheless my loving-kindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us Thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, and as this time to be born of a pure Virgin, grant that we, being regenerate and made Thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM LXXXIX.—Part 2.

34. My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

35. Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David.

36. His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me.

37. It shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven.

38. But thou hast cast off and abhorred, thou hast been wroth with thine anointed.

39. Thou hast made void the covenant of thy servant: thou hast profaned his crown by casting it to the ground.

40. Thou hast broken down all his hedges; thou hast brought his strong holds to ruin.

41. All that pass by the way spoil him: he is a reproach to his neighbors.

42. Thou hast set up the right hand of his adversaries; thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice.

43. Thou hast also turned the edge of his sword, and hast not made him to stand in the battle.

44. Thou hast made his glory to cease, and cast his throne down to the ground.

45. The days of his youth hast thou shortened: thou hast covered him with shame.

46. How long, Lord? wilt Thou hide Thyself for ever? shall Thy wrath burn like fire?

47. Remember how short my time is: wherefore hast Thou made all men in vain?

48. What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave?

49. Lord, where are Thy former loving-kindnesses, which Thou swarest unto David in Thy truth?

50. Remember, Lord, the reproach of Thy servants; how I do bear in my bosom the reproach of all the mighty people;

51. Wherewith Thine enemies have reproached, O Lord; wherewith they have reproached the footsteps of Thine anointed.

52. Blessed be the Lord for evermore. Amen, and Amen.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

(THE CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST.)

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—Rom. iv. 8.

BLESSED is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin. Cometh this blessedness, then, upon the circumcision only, or upon the uncircumcision also? For we say, that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness. How was it, then, reckoned? when he was in circumcision or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision. And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had, yet being uncircumcised; that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also; and the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had, being yet uncircumcised. For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. For if they who are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Luke ii. 15.

AND it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the

Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it, wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them. And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, His name was called JESUS, who was so named of the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

PSALM XXIII.

THE Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want.

2. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

4. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death. I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

5. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

PSALM XCI.

HE that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust.

3. Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

4. He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: His truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

5. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

6. Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

7. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

8. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

9. Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation;

10. There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11. For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

12. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

13. Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

14. Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

15. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him.

16. With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY God, who madest Thy blessed Son to be circumcised, and obedient to the law for man, grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit, that our hearts and all our members being mortified from all worldly and carnal lusts, we may in all things obey Thy blessed will, through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM CXLIV.

BLESSED be the Lord my strength, who teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight:

2. My goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my de-

liverer; my shield, and He in whom I trust; who subdueth my people under me.

3. Lord, what is man, that Thou takest knowledge of him! or the son of man, that Thou makest account of him!

4. Man is like to vanity: his days are as a shadow that passeth away.

5. Bow Thy heavens, O Lord, and come down: touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

6. Cast forth lightning, and scatter them: shoot out Thine arrows, and destroy them.

7. Send Thine hand from above; rid me, and deliver me out of great waters, from the hand of strange children;

8. Whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.

9. I will sing a new song unto Thee, O God: upon a psaltery and an instrument of ten strings will I sing praises unto Thee.

10. It is He that giveth salvation unto kings: who delivereth David His servant from the hurtful sword.

11. Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood:

12. That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth: that our daughters may be as corner-stones, polished after the similitude of a palace:

13. That our garners may be full, affording all manner of store; that our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets:

14. That our oxen may be strong to labor; that there be no breaking in, nor going out; that there be no complaining in our streets.

15. Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the Lord.

PSALM CXLVI.

PRAISE ye the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul.

2. While I live will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.

3. Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.

4. His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.

5. Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God:

6. Who made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: who keepeth truth for ever:

7. Who executeth judgment for the oppressed: who giveth food to the hungry. The Lord looseth the prisoners:

8. The Lord openeth the eyes of the blind: the Lord raiseth them that are bowed down: the Lord loveth the righteous:

9. The Lord preserveth the strangers; He relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked He turneth upside down.

10. The Lord shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the Lord.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

The same Epistle, Gospel, Psalter and Collect are to serve for every day after, unto the Epiphany.

THE EPIPHANY,

OR THE MANIFESTATION OF CHRIST TO THE GENTILES.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—Ephes. iii. 1.

FOR this cause, I, Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles; if ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God,

which is given me to you-ward; how that by revelation He made known unto me the mystery, (as I wrote afore in few words, whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ,) which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto the holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; that the Gentiles should be fellow-heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ, by the Gospel; whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God, given unto me by the effectual working of His power. Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which, from the beginning of the world, hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ; to the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known, by the Church, the manifold wisdom of God, according to the eternal purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord; in whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of Him.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Matt. ii. 1.

WHEN Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is He that is born King of the Jews, for we have seen His star in the east, and are come to worship Him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou, Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda; for out of thee shall come a Governor that shall rule my people Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go, and search diligently for the young child, and when ye have found Him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship Him also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When

they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child, with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts: gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream, that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

PSALM XLVI.

GOD is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

2. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

3. Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

4. There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High.

5. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

6. The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: He uttered His voice, the earth melted.

7. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

8. Come, behold the works of the Lord, what desolations He hath made in the earth.

9. He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; He breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; He burneth the chariot in the fire.

10. Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

11. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

PSALM LXVII.

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us;

2. That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations.

3. Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee.

4. O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for Thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

5. Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee.

6. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

7. God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

O GOD, who by the leading of a star didst manifest Thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we, who know Thee now by faith, may, after this life, have the fruition of Thy glorious Godhead, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM LXXII.

GIVE the king Thy judgments, O God, and Thy righteousness unto the king's son.

2. He shall judge Thy people with righteousness, and Thy poor with judgment.

3. The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness.

4. He shall judge the poor of the people, He shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor.

5. They shall fear Thee as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations.

6. He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: as showers that water the earth.

7. In His days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth.

8. He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.

9. They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before Him; and His enemies shall lick the dust.

10. The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.

11. Yea, all kings shall fall down before Him: all nations shall serve Him.

12. For He shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper.

13. He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy.

14. He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in His sight.

15. And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba: prayer also shall be made for him continually; and daily shall he be praised.

16. There shall be a handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: and they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.

17. His name shall endure for ever: His name shall be continued as long as the sun: and men shall be blessed in Him: all nations shall call Him blessed.

18. Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things.

19. And blessed be His glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen, and Amen.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—Rom. xii. 1.

I BESEECH you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God. For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office; so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Luke ii. 41.

NOW His parents went to Jerusalem every year, at the feast of the passover. And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and His mother knew not of it. But they, supposing Him to have been in the company, went a day's journey, and they sought Him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. And when they found Him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking Him. And it came to pass, that, after three days, they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. And when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said unto Him, Son, why hast Thou thus dealt with us? behold, Thy father and I have sought Thee sorrowing. And He said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? And they understood not the saying which He spake unto them. And He went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but His mother kept all these sayings in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

PSALM CIII.

BLESS the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy Name.

2. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:

3. Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

4. Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies;

5. Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

6. The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

7. He made known His ways unto Moses, His acts unto the children of Israel.

8. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

9. He will not always chide: neither will He keep His anger for ever.

10. He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

11. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him.

12. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us.

13. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him.

14. For He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust.

15. As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

16. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

17. But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him, and His righteousness unto children's children;

18. To such as keep His covenant, and to those that remember His commandments to do them.

19. The Lord hath prepared His throne in the heavens; and His kingdom ruleth over all.

20. Bless the Lord, ye His angels, that excel in strength, that do His commandments, hearkening unto the voice of His word.

21. Bless ye the Lord, all ye His hosts; ye ministers of His, that do His pleasure.

22. Bless the Lord, all His works in all places of His dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

O LORD, we beseech Thee mercifully to receive the prayers of Thy people who call upon Thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM CVIII.

O GOD, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.

2. Awake, psaltery and harp: I myself will awake early.

3. I will praise Thee, O Lord, among the people: and I will sing praises unto Thee among the nations.

4. For Thy mercy is great above the heavens: and Thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.

5. Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: and Thy glory above all the earth;

6. That Thy beloved may be delivered: save with Thy right hand, and answer me.

7. God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

8. Gilead is mine; Manasseh is mine; Ephraim also is the strength of mine head; Judah is my lawgiver;

9. Moab is my washpot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe; over Philistia will I triumph.

10. Who will bring me into the strong city? who will lead me into Edom?

11. Wilt not Thou, O God, who hast cast us off? and wilt not Thou, O God, go forth with our hosts?

12. Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man.

13. Through God we shall do valiantly: for He it is that shall tread down our enemies.

PSALM CXVII.

O PRAISE the Lord, all ye nations; praise Him, all ye people.

2. For His merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise ye the Lord.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—Rom. xii. 6.

HAVING then gifts, differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; or ministry, let us wait on our ministering; or he that teacheth, on teaching; or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with dili-

gence; he that showeth mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil, cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love, in honor preferring one another; not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. Bless them who persecute you; bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind, one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate.

THE GOSPEL.—St. John ii. 1.

AND the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. And both Jesus was called, and His disciples, to the marriage. And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him: They have no wine. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come. His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it. And there were set there six water-pots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. Jesus saith unto them, Fill the water-pots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. And He saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it. When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was, (but the servants who drew the water knew,) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, and saith unto him, Every man, at the beginning, doth set forth good wine, and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse; but thou hast kept the good wine until now. This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth His glory; and His disciples believed on Him.

PSALM XXXIII.

REJOICE in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.

2. Praise the Lord with harp: sing unto Him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings.

3. Sing unto Him a new song; play skillfully with a loud noise.

4. For the word of the Lord is right; and all His works are done in truth.

5. He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

6. By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.

7. He gathereth the waters of the sea together as a heap: He layeth up the depth in store-houses.

8. Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.

9. For He spake, and it was done: He commanded, and it stood fast.

10. The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: He maketh the devices of the people of none effect.

11. The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever, the thoughts of His heart to all generations.

12. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom He hath chosen for His own inheritance.

13. The Lord looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men.

14. From the place of His habitation He looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.

15. He fashioneth their hearts alike; He considereth all their works.

16. There is no king saved by the multitude of a host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.

17. A horse is a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver any by His great strength.

18. Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear Him, upon them that hope in His mercy;

19. To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

20. Our soul waiteth for the Lord: He is our help and our shield.

21. For our heart shall rejoice in Him, because we have trusted in His holy name.

22. Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in Thee.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear the supplications of Thy people, and grant us Thy peace all the days of our life. through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM LXVI.

MAKE a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands:
2. Sing forth the honor of His name: make His praise glorious.

3. Say unto God, How terrible art Thou in Thy works! through the greatness of Thy power shall Thine enemies submit themselves unto Thee.

4. All the earth shall worship Thee, and shall sing unto Thee; they shall sing to Thy name.

5. Come and see the works of God: He is terrible in His doing toward the children of men.

6. He turned the sea into dry land: they went through the flood on foot: there did we rejoice in Him.

7. He ruleth by His power for ever: His eyes behold the nations, let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

8. O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of His praise to be heard:

9. Which holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

10. For Thou, O God, hast proved us: Thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.

11. Thou broughtest us into the net; Thou laidst affliction upon our loins.

12. Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water: but Thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.

13. I will go into Thy house with burnt offerings: I will pay Thee my vows,

14. Which my lips have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I was in trouble.

15. I will offer unto Thee burnt sacrifices of fatlings, with the incense of rams: I will offer bullocks with goats.

16. Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what He hath done for my soul.

17. I cried unto Him with my mouth, and He was extolled with my tongue.

18. If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:

19. But verily God hath heard me; He hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

20. Blessed be God, who hath not turned away my prayer, nor His mercy from me.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—Rom. xii. 16.

BE not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath; for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the

Lord. Therefore, if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink; for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Matt. viii. 1.

WHEN He was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him. And behold there came a leper and worshiped Him, saying, Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth His hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. And Jesus saith unto him, See thou tell no man; but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them. And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto Him a centurion, beseeching Him, and saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldest come under my roof; but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. And I say unto you, that many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven: but the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way, and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the self-same hour.

PSALM LX.

O GOD, Thou hast cast us off, Thou hast scattered us, Thou hast been displeased; O turn Thyself to us again.

2. Thou hast made the earth to tremble; Thou hast broken it: heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh.

3. Thou hast shewed Thy people hard things: Thou hast made us to drink the wine of astonishment.

4. Thou hast given a banner to them that fear Thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth.

5. That Thy beloved may be delivered; save with Thy right hand, and hear me.

6. God hath spoken in His holiness: I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

7. Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine; Ephraim also is the strength of mine head; Judah is my lawgiver;

8. Moab is my washpot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe: Philistia, triumph thou because of me.

9. Who will bring me into the strong city? who will lead me into Edom?

10. Wilt not Thou, O God, who hadst cast us off? and Thou, O God, who didst not go out with our armies?

11. Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man.

12. Through God we shall do valiantly: for He it is that shall tread down our enemies.

PSALM LXXXII.

GOD standeth in the congregation of the mighty; He judgeth among the gods.

2. How long will ye judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked?

3. Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.

4. Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked.

5. They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course.

6. I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the Most High.

7. But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.

8. Arise, O God, judge the earth: for Thou shalt inherit all nations.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and, in all our dangers and necessities, stretch forth Thy right hand to help and defend us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM LXXXI.

SING aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.

2. Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the psaltery.

3. Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.

4. For this was a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob.

5. This He ordained in Joseph for a testimony, when He went out through the land of Egypt: where I heard a language that I understood not.

6. I removed his shoulder from the burden: his hands were delivered from the pots.

7. Thou calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee; I answered thee in the secret place of thunder: I proved thee at the waters of Meribah.

8. Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto me;

9. There shall no strange god be in thee; neither shalt thou worship any strange god.

10. I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.

11. But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me.

12. So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: and they walked in their own counsels.

13. Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, and Israel had walked in my ways.

14. I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries.

15. The haters of the Lord should have submitted themselves unto Him: but their time should have endured for ever.

16. He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat: and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—Rom. xiii. 1.

LET every soul be subject unto the higher powers; for there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever, therefore, resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou, then, not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: for he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience' sake. For, for this cause pay ye tribute also; for they are God's ministers,

attending continually upon this very thing. Render, therefore, to all their dues; tribute to whom tribute is due, custom to whom custom, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Matt. viii. 23.

AND when He was entered into a ship, His disciples followed Him. And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves; but He was asleep. And His disciples came to Him, and awoke Him, saying, Lord, save us, we perish. And He saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then He arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him? And when He was come to the other side, into the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with Thee, Jesus, Thou Son of God? art Thou come hither to torment us before the time? And there was a good way off from them an herd of many swine, feeding. So the devils besought him, saying, If Thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine. And He said unto them, Go. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine; and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters. And they that kept them fled, and went their ways into the city, and told every thing, and what was befallen to the possessed of the devils. And, behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him, they besought Him that He would depart out of their coasts.

PSALM CXXXIII.

BEHOLD, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

2. It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

3. As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

PSALM CXXXIV.

BEHOLD, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord, which by night stand in the house of the Lord.

2. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord.

3. The Lord that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion.

PSALM XLVII.

O CLAP your hands, all ye people, shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

2. For the Lord Most High is terrible; He is a great King over all the earth.

3. He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet.

4. He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom He loved.

5. God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

6. Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

7. For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.

8. God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of His holiness.

9. The princes of the people are gathered together, even the people of the God of Abraham: for the shields of the earth belong unto God: He is greatly exalted.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

O GOD, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that, by reason of the frailty of our nature, we cannot always stand upright, grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM LXXXIV.

HOW amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!

2. My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

3. Yea, the sparrow hath found a house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even Thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God.

4. Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house: they will be still praising Thee.

5. Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee; in whose heart are the ways of them.

6. Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.

7. They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.

8. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob.

9. Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of Thine anointed.

10. For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

11. For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will be withhold from them that walk uprightly.

12. O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in Thee.

PSALM LXXXVII.

HIS foundation is in the holy mountains.

2. The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

3. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God.

4. I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to them that know me: behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia; this man was born there.

5. And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the Highest Himself shall establish her.

6. The Lord shall count, when He writeth up the people, that this man was born there.

7. As well the singers as the players on instruments shall be there: all my springs are in thee.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—Col. iii. 12.

PUT on, therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any; even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And, above all these things, put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs; singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do, in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus; giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Matt. xiii. 24.

THE kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the

blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field; from whence, then, hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou, then, that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest, while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest; and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them; but gather the wheat into my barn.

PSALM LXXII.

GIVE the king Thy judgments, O God, and Thy righteousness unto the king's son.

2. He shall judge Thy people with righteousness, and Thy poor with judgment.

3. The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness.

4. He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor.

5. They shall fear Thee as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations.

6. He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: as showers that water the earth.

7. In his days shall the righteous flourish: and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth.

8. He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.

9. They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before Him; and His enemies shall lick the dust.

10. The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.

11. Yea, all kings shall fall down before Him: all nations shall serve Him.

12. For He shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper.

13. He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy.

14. He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in His sight.

15. And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba: prayer also shall be made for him continually; and daily shall he be praised.

16. There shall be a handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: and they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.

17. His name shall endure for ever: His name shall be continued as long as the sun: and men shall be blessed in Him: all nations shall call Him blessed.

18. Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things.

19. And blessed be His glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen, and Amen.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

O LORD, we beseech Thee to keep Thy Church and Household continually in Thy true religion; that they, who do lean only upon the hope of Thy heavenly grace, may evermore be defended by Thy mighty power, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM CXXXV.

PRAISE ye the Lord. Praise ye the name of the Lord; praise Him, O ye servants of the Lord.

2. Ye that stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God,

3. Praise the Lord; for the Lord is good: sing praises unto His name; for it is pleasant.

4. For the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto Himself, and Israel for His peculiar treasure.

5. For I know that the Lord is great, and that our Lord is above all gods.

6. Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did He in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.

7. He causeth the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; He maketh lightnings for the rain; He bringeth the wind out of His treasuries.

8. Who smote the first-born of Egypt, both of man and beast.

9. Who sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants.

10. Who smote great nations, and slew mighty kings;

11. Sihon king of the Amorites, and Og king of Bashan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan:

12. And gave their land for a heritage, a heritage unto Israel His people.

13. Thy name, O Lord, endureth for ever; and Thy memorial, O Lord, throughout all generations.

14. For the Lord will judge His people, and He will repent Himself concerning His servants.

15. The idols of the heathen are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

16. They have mouths, but they speak not; eyes have they, but they see not;

17. They have ears, but they hear not; neither is there any breath in their mouths.

18. They that make them are like unto them: so is every one that trusteth in them.

19. Bless the Lord, O house of Israel: bless the Lord, O house of Aaron:

20. Bless the Lord, O house of Levi: ye that fear the Lord, bless the Lord.

21. Blessed be the Lord out of Zion, which dwelleth at Jerusalem. Praise ye the Lord.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou

that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—1 John iii. 1.

BEHOLD what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God; therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God; and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know, that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. And every man, that hath this hope in him, purifieth himself, even as he is pure. Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law; for sin is the transgression of the law. And ye know that He was manifested to take away our sins; and in Him is no sin. Whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen Him, neither known Him. Little children, let no man deceive you: He that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as He is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Matt. xxiv. 23.

THEN if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore, if they shall say unto you, Behold, He is in the desert; go not forth: Behold, He is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be. For wheresoever the carcass is, there

will the eagles be gathered together. Immediately after the tribulation of those days, shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken. And then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven; and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. And He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

PSALM CXLVII.

PRAISE ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely.

2. The Lord doth build up Jerusalem: He gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.

3. He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

4. He telleth the number of the stars; He calleth them all by their names.

5. Great is our Lord, and of great power: His understanding is infinite.

6. The Lord lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground.

7. Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God.

8. Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

9. He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry.

10. He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: He taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.

11. The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear Him, in those that hope in His mercy.

12. Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion.

13. For He hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; He hath blessed thy children within thee.

14. He maketh peace in thy borders, and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.

15. He sendeth forth His commandment upon earth: His word runneth very swiftly.

16. He giveth snow like wool; he scattereth the hoar frost like ashes.

17. He casteth forth His ice like morsels: who can stand before His cold?

18. He sendeth out His word, and melteth them: He causeth His wind to blow, and the waters flow.

19. He sheweth His word unto Jacob, His statutes and His judgments unto Israel.

20. He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for His judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the Lord.

PSALM CL.

PRAISE ye the Lord. Praise God in His sanctuary: praise Him in the firmament of His power.

2. Praise Him for His mighty acts: praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

3. Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet: praise Him with the psaltery and harp.

4. Praise Him with the timbrel and dance: praise Him with stringed instruments and organs.

5. Praise Him upon the loud cymbals: praise Him upon the high sounding cymbals.

6. Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

O GOD, whose blessed Son was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God, and heirs of eternal life, grant us, we beseech Thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as He is pure; that, when He shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto Him in His eternal and glorious kingdom, where, with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, He liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM CXLVIII.

PRAISE ye the Lord. Praise ye the Lord from the heavens: praise Him in the heights.

2. Praise ye Him, all His angels: praise ye Him, all His hosts.

3. Praise ye Him, sun and moon: praise Him, all ye stars of light.

4. Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.

5. Let them praise the name of the Lord: for He commanded, and they were created.

6. He hath also established them for ever and ever: He hath made a decree which shall not pass.

7. Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps:

8. Fire, and hail; snow, and vapour; stormy wind fulfilling His word:

9. Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars:

10. Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl:

11. Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth:

12. Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children:

13. Let them praise the name of the Lord: for His name alone is excellent; His glory is above the earth and heaven.

14. He also exalteth the horn of His people, the praise of all His saints; even of the children of Israel, a people near unto Him. Praise ye the Lord.

PSALM CXLIX.

PRAISE ye the Lord. Sing unto the Lord a new song, and His praise in the congregation of saints.

2. Let Israel rejoice in Him that made Him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3. Let them praise His name in the dance: let them sing praises unto Him with the timbrel and harp.

4. For the Lord taketh pleasure in His people: He will beautify the meek with salvation.

5. Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds.

6. Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7. To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people;

8. To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;

9. To execute upon them the judgment written: this honor have all His saints. Praise ye the Lord.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE SUNDAY CALLED SEPTUAGESIMA,

OR THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT.

THE EPISTLE.—1 Cor. ix. 24.

KNOW ye not that they who run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: but I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection, lest that, by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a cast-away.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Matt. xx. 1.

THE kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, who went out early in the morning to hire laborers

into his vineyard. And when he had agreed with the laborers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the market-place, and said unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way. Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise. And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle? They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive. So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the laborers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first. And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny. But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny. And when they had received it, they murmured against the good man of the house, saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, who have borne the burden and heat of the day. But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong; didst not thou agree with me for a penny? Take that thine is, and go thy way; I will give unto this last even as unto thee. Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good? So the last shall be first, and the first last; for many be called, but few chosen.

PSALM VIII.

O LORD our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth! who hast set Thy glory above the heavens.

2. Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast Thou ordained strength because of Thine enemies, that Thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

3. When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained;

4. What is man, that Thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that Thou visitest him?

5. For Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor.

6. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of Thy hands; Thou hast put all things under his feet:

7. All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;

8. The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

9. O Lord our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth!

PSALM XIX.

THE heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His handywork.

2. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

3. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.

4. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath He set a tabernacle for the sun,

5. Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

6. His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and His circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

7. The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

8. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

9. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

10. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

11. Moreover by them is Thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

12. Who can understand his errors? cleanse Thou me from secret faults.

13. Keep back Thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

14. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

O LORD, we beseech Thee favorably to hear the prayers of Thy people, that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by Thy goodness, for the glory of Thy name, through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM XLIV.

WE have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what work Thou didst in their days, in the times of old.

2. How Thou didst drive out the heathen with Thy hand, and plantedst them; how Thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out.

3. For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but Thy right hand, and Thine arm, and the light of Thy countenance, because Thou hadst a favor unto them.

4. Thou art my King, O God: command deliverances for Jacob.

5. Through Thee will we push down our enemies: through Thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us.

6. For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me.

7. But Thou hast saved us from our enemies, and hast put them to shame that hated us.

8. In God we boast all the day long, and praise Thy name for ever.

9. But Thou hast cast off, and put us to shame; and goest not forth with our armies.

10. Thou makest us to turn back from the enemy: and they who hate us spoil for themselves.

11. Thou hast given us like sheep appointed for meat; and hast scattered us among the heathen.

12. Thou sellest Thy people for nought, and dost not increase Thy wealth by their price.

13. Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbors, a scorn and a derision to them that are round about us.

14. Thou makest us a byword among the heathen, a shaking of the head among the people.

15. My confusion is continually before me, and the shame of my face hath covered me,

16. For the voice of him that reproacheth and blasphemeth; by reason of the enemy and avenger.

17. All this is come upon us; yet have we not forgotten Thee, neither have we dealt falsely in Thy covenant.

18. Our heart is not turned back, neither have our steps declined from Thy way;

19. Though Thou hast sore broken us in the place of dragons, and covered us with the shadow of death.

20. If we have forgotten the name of our God, or stretched out our hands to a strange god;

21. Shall not God search this out? for He knoweth the secrets of the heart.

22. Yea, for Thy sake are we killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter.

23. Awake, why sleepest Thou, O Lord? arise, cast us not off for ever.

24. Wherefore hidest Thou Thy face, and forgettest our affliction and our oppression?

25. For our soul is bowed down to the dust: our belly cleaveth unto the earth.

26. Arise for our help, and redeem us for Thy mercies' sake.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE SUNDAY CALLED SEXAGESIMA,

OR THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—2 Cor. xi. 19.

YE suffer fools gladly, seeing ye yourselves are wise. For ye suffer if a man bring you into bondage, if a man devour you, if a man take of you, if a man exalt himself, if a man smite you on the face. I speak as concerning reproach; as though we had been weak: howbeit, whereinsoever any is bold, (I speak foolishly,) I am bold also. Are they Hebrews? so am I: are they Israelites? so am I: are they the seed of Abraham? so am I: are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one, thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness: besides those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the Churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not? If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities. The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Luke viii. 4.

WHEN much people were gathered together, and were come to Him out of every city, He spake by a parable: A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell by the way-side,

and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it; and some fell upon a rock, and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture; and some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it; and other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundred fold. And when He had said these things, He cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. And His disciples asked Him, saying, What might this parable be? And He said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God; but to others in parables: that seeing, they might not see, and hearing, they might not understand. Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God. Those by the way-side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. They on the rock are they who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away. And that which fell among thorns are they who, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares, and riches, and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection. But that on the good ground are they who, in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

PSALM LXXIII.

TRULY God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart.

2. But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped.

3. For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

4. For there are no bands in their death: but their strength is firm.

5. They are not in trouble as other men; neither are they plagued like other men.

6. Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them as a garment.

7. Their eyes stand out with fatness: they have more than heart could wish.

8. They are corrupt, and speak wickedly concerning oppression: they speak loftily.

9. They set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth.

10. Therefore His people return hither: and waters of a full cup are wrung out to them.

11. And they say, How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the Most High?

12. Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches.

13. Verily I have cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocency.

14. For all the day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning.

15. If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend against the generation of Thy children.

16. When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me;

17. Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end.

18. Surely Thou didst set them in slippery places: Thou castedst them down into destruction.

19. How are they brought into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors.

20. As a dream when one awaketh; so, O Lord, when Thou awakest, Thou shalt despise their image.

21. Thus my heart was grieved, and I was pricked in my reins.

22. So foolish was I, and ignorant: I was as a beast before Thee.

23. Nevertheless I am continually with Thee: Thou hast holden me by my right hand.

24. Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

25. Whom have I in heaven but Thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire besides Thee.

26. My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

27. For, lo, they that are far from Thee shall perish: Thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring from Thee.

28. But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all Thy works.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

O LORD GOD, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do, mercifully grant that by Thy power we may be defended against all adversity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM LXXIV.

O GOD, why hast Thou cast us off for ever? why doth Thine anger smoke against the sheep of Thy pasture?

2. Remember Thy congregation, which Thou hast purchased of old; the rod of Thine inheritance, which Thou hast redeemed; this mount Zion, wherein Thou hast dwelt.

3. Lift up Thy feet unto the perpetual desolations; even all that the enemy hath done wickedly in the sanctuary.

4. Thine enemies roar in the midst of Thy congregations; they set up their ensigns for signs.

5. A man was famous according as he had lifted up axes upon the thick trees.

6. But now they break down the carved work thereof at once with axes and hammers.

7. They have cast fire into Thy sanctuary, they have defiled by casting down the dwelling-place of Thy name to the ground.

8. They said in their hearts, Let us destroy them together: they have burned up all the synagogues of God in the land.

9. We see not our signs: there is no more any prophet: neither is there among us any that knoweth how long.

10. O God, how long shall the adversary reproach? shall the enemy blaspheme Thy name for ever?

11. Why withdrawest Thou Thy hand, even Thy right hand? pluck it out of Thy bosom.

12. For God is my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth.

13. Thou didst divide the sea by Thy strength: Thou breakest the heads of the dragons in the waters.

14. Thou breakest the heads of leviathan in pieces, and gavest him to be meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness.

15. Thou didst cleave the fountain and the flood: Thou driedst up mighty rivers.

16. The day is thine, the night also is thine: Thou hast prepared the light and the sun.

17. Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: Thou hast made summer and winter.

18. Remember this, that the enemy hath reproached, O Lord, and that the foolish people have blasphemed Thy name.

19. O deliver not the soul of Thy turtle-dove unto the multitude of the wicked: forget not the congregation of Thy poor for ever.

20. Have respect unto the covenant: for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty.

21. O let not the oppressed return ashamed: let the poor and needy praise Thy name.

22. Arise, O God, plead Thine own cause: remember how the foolish man reproacheth Thee daily.

23. Forget not the voice of Thine enemies: the tumult of those that rise up against Thee increaseth continually.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE SUNDAY CALLED QUINQUAGESIMA.

OR THE NEXT SUNDAY BEFORE LENT.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—1 Cor. xiii. 1.

THOUGH I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal: and though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing: and though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil, rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth, beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Luke xviii. 31.

THEN Jesus took unto Him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets, concerning the Son of Man, shall be accomplished. For He shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on; and they shall scourge Him and put Him to death, and the third day He shall rise again. And they understood none of these things; and this saying was hid from them, neither knew they the things which were spoken. And it came

to pass that, as he was come nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the way-side begging; and hearing the multitude pass by, he asked what it meant. And they told him, that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by. And he cried, saying, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me. And they who went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace; but he cried so much the more, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus stood, and commanded him to be brought unto him: and when he was come near, he asked him, saying, What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight; thy faith hath saved thee. And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God.

PSALM I.

BLESSED is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

2. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night.

3. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

4. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

5. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

6. For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

PSALM XV.

LORD, who shall abide in Thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in Thy holy hill?

2. He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

3. He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor.

4. In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoreth

them that fear the Lord. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.

5. He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

PSALM XX.

THE Lord hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee;

2. Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion;

3. Remember all Thy offerings, and accept Thy burnt sacrifice;

4. Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all Thy counsel.

5. We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the Lord fulfil all thy petitions.

6. Now know I that the Lord saveth His anointed; He will hear him from His holy heaven with the saving strength of His right hand.

7. Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God.

8. They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright.

9. Save, Lord: let the king hear us when we call.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

O LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth, send Thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace, and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before Thee. Grant this for Thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM XXIX.

GIVE unto the Lord, O ye mighty, give unto the Lord glory and strength.

2. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

3. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the Lord is upon many waters.

4. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

5. The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedars; yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.

6. He maketh them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like a young unicorn.

7. The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire.

8. The voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness; the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.

9. The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to calve, and discovereth the forests: and in His temple doth every one speak of His glory.

10. The Lord sitteth upon the flood; yea, the Lord sitteth King for ever.

11. The Lord will give strength unto His people: the Lord will bless His people with peace.

PSALM CI.

I WILL sing of mercy and judgment: unto Thee, O Lord, will I sing.

2. I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt Thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.

3. I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.

4. A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked person.

5. Whoso privily slandereth his neighbor, him will I cut off: him that hath a high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.

6. Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me.

7. He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.

8. I will early destroy all the wicked of the land: that I may cut off all the wicked doers from the city of the Lord.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE FIRST DAY OF LENT,

COMMONLY CALLED ASH-WEDNESDAY.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—Joel ii. 12.

TURN ye even unto me, saith the Lord, with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning. And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God; for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth Him of the evil. Who knoweth if He will return, and repent, and leave a blessing behind him, even a meat-offering and a drink-offering unto the Lord your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts; let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet; let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and

let them say, Spare Thy people, O Lord, and give not Thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?

THE GOSPEL.—St. Matt. vi. 16.

WHEN ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance; for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face, that thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father who is in secret; and thy Father, who seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly. Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

PSALM VI.

O LORD, rebuke me not in Thine anger, neither chasten me in Thy hot displeasure.

2. Have mercy upon me, O Lord; for I am weak: O Lord, heal me; for my bones are vexed.

3. My soul is also sore vexed: but Thou, O Lord, how long?

4. Return, O Lord, deliver my soul: oh save me for Thy mercies' sake.

5. For in death there is no remembrance of Thee: in the grave who shall give Thee thanks?

6. I am weary with my groaning; all the night make I my bed to swim; I water my couch with my tears.

7. Mine eye is consumed because of grief; it waxeth old because of all mine enemies.

8. Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity; for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

9. The Lord hath heard my supplication; the Lord will receive my prayer.

10. Let all mine enemies be ashamed and sore vexed: let them return and be ashamed suddenly.

PSALM XXXII.

BLESSED is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

2. Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

3. When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.

4. For day and night Thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer.

5. I acknowledged my sin unto Thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

6. For this shall every one that is godly pray unto Thee in a time when Thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto Him.

7. Thou art my hiding-place; Thou shalt preserve me from trouble; Thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

8. I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

9. Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.

10. Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about.

11. Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECTS.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent, create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD, we beseech Thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto Thee, that they, whose consciences by sin are accused, by Thy merciful pardon may be absolved, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM XXXVIII.

O LORD, rebuke me not in Thy wrath: neither chasten me in Thy hot displeasure.

2. For Thine arrows stick fast in me, and Thy hand presseth me sore.

3. There is no soundness in my flesh because of Thine anger; neither is there any rest in my bones because of my sin.

4. For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.

5. My wounds stink, and are corrupt because of my foolishness.

6. I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long.

7. For my loins are filled with a loathsome disease: and there is no soundness in my flesh.

8. I am feeble and sore broken: I have roared by reason of the disquietness of my heart.

9. Lord, all my desire is before Thee: and my groaning is not hid from Thee.

10. My heart panteth, my strength faileth me; as for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me.

11. My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my sore; and my kinsmen stand afar off.

12. They also that seek after my life lay snares for me; and they that seek my hurt speak mischievous things, and imagine deceits all the day long.

13. But I, as a deaf man, heard not; and I was as a dumb man that openeth not his mouth.

14. Thus I was as a man that heareth not, and in whose mouth are no reproofs.

15. For in Thee, O Lord, do I hope: Thou wilt hear, O Lord my God.

16. For I said, Hear me, lest otherwise they should rejoice over me: when my foot slippeth, they magnify themselves against me.

17. For I am ready to halt, and my sorrow is continually before me.

18. For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin.

19. But mine enemies are lively, and they are strong: and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.

20. They also that render evil for good are mine adversaries: because I follow the thing that good is.

21. Forsake me not, O Lord: O my God, be not far from me.

22. Make haste to help me, O Lord my salvation.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—2 Cor. vi. 1.

WE then, as workers together with Him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain: (for He saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succored thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation:) giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed; but in all things approving ourselves as the

ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in watchings, in fastings; by pureness, by knowledge, by long-suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Matt. iv. 1.

THEN was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He was afterwards an hungered. And when the tempter came to Him, He said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But He answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Then the devil taketh Him up into the holy city, and setteth Him on a pinnacle of the temple, and saith unto Him, If Thou be the Son of God, cast Thyself down; for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee; and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. Again the devil taketh Him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth Him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; and saith unto Him, All these things will I give Thee, if Thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan; for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth Him, and behold, angels came and ministered unto Him.

PSALM LI.

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy loving-kindness: according unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

2. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

3. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

4. Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight: that Thou mightest be justified when Thou speakest, and be clear when Thou judgest.

5. Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

6. Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

7. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8. Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice.

9. Hide Thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

10. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

11. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

12. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free Spirit.

13. Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.

14. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of Thy righteousness.

15. O Lord, open Thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.

16. For Thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: Thou delightest not in burnt offering.

17. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

18. Do good in Thy good pleasure unto Zion: build Thou the walls of Jerusalem.

19. Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon Thine altar.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

O LORD, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights, give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the spirit, we may ever obey Thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to Thy honor and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM CII.

HEAR my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come unto Thee.

2. Hide not Thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble: incline Thine ear unto me: in the day when I call answer me speedily.

3. For my days are consumed like smoke, and my bones are burned as a hearth.

4. My heart is smitten, and withered like grass; so that I forget to eat my bread.

5. By reason of the voice of my groaning my bones cleave to my skin.

6. I am like a pelican of the wilderness: I am like an owl of the desert.

7. I watch, and am as a sparrow alone upon the housetop.

8. Mine enemies reproach me all the day; and they that are mad against me are sworn against me.

9. For I have eaten ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping,

10. Because of Thine indignation and Thy wrath: for Thou hast lifted me up, and cast me down.

11. My days are like a shadow that declineth; and I am withered like grass.

12. But Thou, O Lord, shalt endure for ever; and Thy remembrance unto all generations.

13. Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favor her, yea, the set time, is come.

14. For Thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favor the dust thereof.

15. So the heathen shall fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth Thy glory.

16. When the Lord shall build up Zion, He shall appear in His glory.

17. He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.

18. This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the Lord.

19. For He hath looked down from the height of His sanctuary; from heaven did the Lord behold the earth;

20. To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death;

21. To declare the name of the Lord in Zion, and His praise in Jerusalem;

22. When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the Lord.

23. He weakened my strength in the way; He shortened my days.

24. I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days; Thy years are throughout all generations.

25. Of old hast Thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of Thy hands.

26. They shall perish, but Thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt Thou change them, and they shall be changed:

27. But Thou art the same, and Thy years shall have no end.

28. The children of Thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before Thee.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that

takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—1 Thess. iv. 1.

WE beseech you, brethren, and exhort you, by the Lord Jesus, that, as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk, and to please God, so ye would abound more and more. For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication; that every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor; not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles, who know not God: that no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter; because that the Lord is the Avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. He, therefore, that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us His Holy Spirit.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Matt. xv. 21.

JESUS went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto Him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David: my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and besought Him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. But He answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Then came she and worshiped Him, saying, Lord, help me. But He answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. And she said, Truth, Lord; yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their master's table. Then

Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

PSALM CXXX.

OUT of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord.

2. Lord, hear my voice: let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

3. If Thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

4. But there is forgiveness with Thee, that Thou mayest be feared.

5. I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in His word do I hope.

6. My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning.

7. Let Israel hope in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption.

8. And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

PSALM XXVII.

THE Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

2. When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

3. Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

4. One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple.

5. For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion: in the secret of His tabernacle shall He hide me; He shall set me up upon a rock.

6. And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in His tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.

7. Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

8. When Thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto Thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

9. Hide not Thy face far from me; put not Thy servant away in anger: Thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

10. When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up.

11. Teach me Thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

12. Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.

13. I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

14. Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves, keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM CXLIII.

HEAR my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications: in Thy faithfulness answer me, and in Thy righteousness.

2. And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.

3. For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground; he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead.

4. Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is desolate.

5. I remember the days of old, I meditate on all Thy works; I muse on the work of Thy hands.

6. I stretch forth my hands unto Thee: my soul thirsteth after Thee, as a thirsty land.

7. Hear me speedily, O Lord: my spirit faileth: hide not Thy face from me: lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

8. Cause me to hear Thy loving-kindness in the morning, for in Thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto Thee.

9. Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies: I flee unto Thee to hide me.

10. Teach me to do Thy will; for Thou art my God: Thy Spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

11. Quicken me, O Lord, for Thy name's sake: for Thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

12. And of Thy mercy cut off mine enemies, and destroy all them that afflict my soul: for I am Thy servant.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—Ephes. v. 1.

BE ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor. But fornication and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient; but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye, therefore, partakers with them; for ye were sometime darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light; (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, and righteousness, and truth;) proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. But all things that are reproved are made manifest by the light; for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. Wherefore He saith, Awake, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Luke xi. 14.

JESUS was casting out a devil, and it was dumb. And it came to pass, when the devil was gone out, the dumb spake; and the people wondered. But some of them said, He casteth out devils through Beelzebub, the chief of the devils. And others, tempting Him, sought of Him a sign from heaven. But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house divided against a house falleth. If Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because ye say that I cast out devils through Beelzebub. And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your sons cast them out?

therefore shall they be your judges. But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you. When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace; but when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armor wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils. He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth. When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out. And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in, and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto Him, Blessed is the womb that bare Thee, and the paps which Thou hast sucked. But he said, Yea, rather blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

PSALM XXXVIII.

O LORD, rebuke me not in Thy wrath: neither chasten me in Thy hot displeasure.

2. For Thine arrows stick fast in me, and Thy hand presseth me sore.

3. There is no soundness in my flesh because of Thine anger; neither is there any rest in my bones because of my sin.

4. For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.

5. My wounds stink, and are corrupt because of my foolishness.

6. I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long.

7. For my loins are filled with a loathsome disease: and there is no soundness in my flesh.

8. I am feeble and sore broken: I have roared by reason of the disquietness of my heart.

9. Lord, all my desire is before Thee: and my groaning is not hid from Thee.

10. My heart panteth, my strength faileth me; as for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me.

11. My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my sore; and my kinsmen stand afar off.

12. They also that seek after my life lay snares for me; and they that seek my hurt speak mischievous things, and imagine deceits all the day long.

13. But I, as a deaf man, heard not; and I was as a dumb man that openeth not his mouth.

14. Thus I was as a man that heareth not, and in whose mouth are no reproofs.

15. For in Thee, O Lord, do I hope: Thou wilt hear, O Lord my God.

16. For I said, Hear me, lest otherwise they should rejoice over me: when my foot slippeth, they magnify themselves against me.

17. For I am ready to halt, and my sorrow is continually before me.

18. For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin.

19. But mine enemies are lively, and they are strong: and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.

20. They also that render evil for good are mine adversaries: because I follow the thing that good is.

21. Forsake me not, O Lord: O my God, be not far from me.

22. Make haste to help me, O Lord my salvation.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

WE beseech Thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of Thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of Thy Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM XXX.

I WILL extol Thee, O Lord; for Thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.

2. O Lord, my God, I cried unto Thee, and Thou hast healed me.

3. O Lord, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: Thou hast keep me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

4. Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness.

5. For His anger endureth but a moment; in his favor is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

6. And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved.

7. Lord, by Thy favor Thou hast made my mountain to stand strong: Thou didst hide Thy face, and I was troubled.

8. I cried to Thee, O Lord; and unto the Lord I made supplication.

9. What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to the pit? Shall the dust praise Thee? shall it declare Thy truth?

10. Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me: Lord, be Thou my helper.

11. Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: Thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness;

12. To the end that my glory may sing praise to Thee, and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks unto Thee for ever.

PSALM LXXVI.

IN Judah is God known: His name is great in Israel.

2. In Salem also is His tabernacle, and His dwelling-place in Zion.

3. There brake He the arrows of the bow, the shield, and the sword, and the battle.

4. Thou art more glorious and excellent than the mountains of prey.

5. The stout-hearted are spoiled, they have slept their sleep: and none of the men of might have found their hands.

6. At Thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, both the chariot and horse are cast into a dead sleep.

7. Thou, even Thou, art to be feared: and who may stand in Thy sight when once Thou art angry?

8. Thou didst cause judgment to be heard from heaven; the earth feared, and was still,

9. When God arose to judgment, to save all the meek of the earth.

10. Surely the wrath of man shall praise Thee: the remainder of wrath shalt Thou restrain.

11. Vow, and pay unto the Lord your God: let all that be round about Him bring presents unto Him that ought to be feared.

12. He shall cut off the spirit of princes: He is terrible to the kings of the earth.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us, Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—Gal. iv. 21.

TELL me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law? For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bond-maid, the other by a free-woman. But he who was of the bond-woman was born after the flesh: but he of the free-woman was by promise. Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from Mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. For this Agar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. But Jerusalem which is above, is free; which is the mother of us all. For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not; for the desolate hath many more children than she who hath an husband. Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. But as then he that was

born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit; even so it is now. Nevertheless, what saith the Scripture? Cast out the bond-woman and her son; for the son of the bond-woman shall not be heir with the son of the free-woman. So then, brethren, we are not children of the bond-woman, but of the free.

THE GOSPEL.—St. John vi. 1.

JESUS went over the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. And a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His miracles which He did on them that were diseased. And Jesus went up into a mountain, and there He sat with His disciples. And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh. When Jesus then lifted up His eyes, and saw a great company come unto Him, He saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread that these may eat? (And this He said to prove him; for He Himself knew what He would do.) Philip answered Him, Two hundred penny-worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little. One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto Him, There is a lad here, who hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes; but what are they among so many? And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks, He distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down, and likewise of the fishes as much as they would. When they were filled, He said unto His disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten. Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.

PSALM XC.

LORD, Thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations.
2. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.

3. Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

4. For a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

5. Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

6. In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

7. For we are consumed by Thine anger, and by Thy wrath are we troubled.

8. Thou hast set our iniquities before Thee, our secret sins in the light of Thy countenance.

9. For all our days are passed away in Thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told.

10. The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

11. Who knoweth the power of Thine anger? even according to Thy fear, so is Thy wrath.

12. So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

13. Return, O Lord, how long? and let it repent Thee concerning Thy servants.

14. O satisfy us early with Thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

15. Make us glad according to the days wherein Thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil.

16. Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants, and Thy glory unto their children.

17. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we, who, for our evil deeds, do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of Thy grace, may mercifully be relieved, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM CXLV.

I WILL extol Thee, my God, O King; and I will bless Thy name for ever and ever.

2. Every day will I bless Thee; and I will praise Thy name for ever and ever.

3. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable.

4. One generation shall praise Thy works to another, and shall declare Thy mighty acts.

5. I will speak of the glorious honor of Thy majesty, and of Thy wondrous works.

6. And men shall speak of the might of Thy terrible acts: and I will declare Thy greatness.

7. They shall abundantly utter the memory of Thy great goodness, and shall sing of Thy righteousness.

8. The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

9. The Lord is good to all: and His tender mercies are over all His works.

10. All Thy works shall praise Thee, O Lord; and Thy saints shall bless Thee.

11. They shall speak of the glory of Thy kingdom, and talk of Thy power;

12. To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of His kingdom.

13. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

14. The Lord upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.

15. The eyes of all wait upon Thee; and Thou givest them their meat in due season.

16. Thou openest Thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

17. The Lord is righteous in all His ways, and holy in all His works.

18. The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth.

19. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear Him: He also will hear their cry, and will save them.

20. The Lord preserveth all them that love Him: but all the wicked will He destroy.

21. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh bless His holy name for ever and ever.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT,

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—Heb. ix. 11.

CHRIST being come an High Priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood, He entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood

of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh; how much more shall the blood of Christ, who, through the eternal Spirit, offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause He is the Mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they who are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

THE GOSPEL.—St. John viii. 46.

JESUS said, Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? He that is of God, heareth God's words; ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God. Then answered the Jews, and said unto Him, Say we not well that Thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil? Jesus answered, I have not a devil: but I honor my Father, and ye do dishonor me. And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth. Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death. Then said the Jews unto Him, Now we know that Thou hast a devil: Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and Thou sayest, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death. Art Thou greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makest Thou Thyself? Jesus answered, If I honor myself, my honor is nothing; it is my Father that honoreth me, of whom ye say, that He is your God: yet ye have not known Him: but I know Him: and if I should say, I know Him not, I shall be a liar like unto you; but I know Him, and keep His saying. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day, and he saw it, and was glad. Then said the Jews unto Him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast Thou seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I AM. Then took they up stones to cast at Him: but Jesus hid Himself, and went out of the temple.

PSALM LV.

GIVE ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not Thyself from my supplication.

2. Attend unto me, and hear me: I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise;

3. Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked: for they cast iniquity upon me, and in wrath they hate me.

4. My heart is sore pained within me: and the terrors of death are fallen upon me.

5. Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and horror hath overwhelmed me.

6. And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest.

7. Lo, then would I wander far off, and remain in the wilderness.

8. I would hasten my escape from the windy storm and tempest.

9. Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongues: for I have seen violence and strife in the city.

10. Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof; mischief also and sorrow are in the midst of it.

11. Wickedness is in the midst thereof: deceit and guilt depart not from her streets.

12. For it was not an enemy that reproached me; then I could have borne it: neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; then I would have hid myself from him:

13. But it was thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance.

14. We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company.

15. Let death seize upon them, and let them go down quick into hell: for wickedness is in their dwellings, and among them.

16. As for me, I will call upon God: and the Lord shall save me.

17. Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and He shall hear my voice.

18. He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me: for there were many with me.

19. God shall hear, and afflict them, even He that abideth of old. Because they have no changes, therefore they fear not God.

20. He hath put forth His hands against such as be at peace with Him: he hath broken His covenant.

21. The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet were they drawn swords.

22. Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee: He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

23. But Thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction: bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; but I will trust in Thee.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

WE beseech Thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon Thy people, that, by Thy great goodness, they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM LIV.

SAVE me, O God, by Thy name, and judge me by Thy strength.

2. Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

3. For strangers are risen up against me, and oppressors seek after my soul: they have not set God before them.

4. Behold, God is mine helper: the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

5. He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: cut them off in Thy truth.

6. I will freely sacrifice unto Thee: I will praise Thy name, O Lord; for it is good.

7. For He hath delivered me out of all trouble: and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.

PSALM LVI.

BE merciful unto me, O God: for man would swallow me up; he fighting daily oppresseth me.

2. Mine enemies would daily swallow me up: for they be many that fight against me, O Thou Most High.

3. What time I am afraid, I will trust in Thee.

4. In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

5. Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts are against me for evil.

6. They gather themselves together, they hide themselves, they mark my steps, when they wait for my soul.

7. Shall they escape by iniquity? in Thine anger cast down the people, O God.

8. Thou tellest my wanderings: put Thou my tears into Thy bottle: are they not in Thy book?

9. When I cry unto Thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God is for me.

10. In God will I praise His word: in the Lord will I praise His word.

11. In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

12. Thy vows are upon me, O God: I will render praises unto Thee.

13. For Thou hast delivered my soul from death: wilt not Thou deliver my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE EASTER,

OR THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—Phil. ii. 5.

LET this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Mark xiv. 1.

AFTER two days was the feast of the passover, and of unleavened bread: and the chief priests, and the scribes, sought how they might take Him by craft, and put Him to death. But they said, Not on the feast-day, lest there be an uproar of the people. And being in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster-box of ointment of spikenard, very precious; and she brake the box, and poured it on his head. And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, Why was this waste of the ointment made? For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence, and have been given to the poor. And they murmured against her. And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me. For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always. She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying. Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of, for a memorial of her. And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests, to betray Him

unto them. And when they heard it, they were glad, and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently betray Him. And the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the passover, His disciples said unto Him, Where wilt Thou that we go and prepare, that Thou mayest eat the passover? And He sendeth forth two of His disciples, and saith unto them, Go ye into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water: follow him. And wheresoever he shall go in, say ye to the good man of the house, The Master saith, Where is the guest-chamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples? And he will shew you a large upper room furnished and prepared: there make ready for us. And His disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as He had said unto them: and they made ready the passover. And in the evening He cometh with the twelve. And as they sat, and did eat, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, One of you who eateth with me shall betray me. And they began to be sorrowful, and to say unto Him one by one, Is it I? and another said, Is it I? And He answered and said unto them, It is one of the twelve that dippeth with me in the dish. The Son of Man indeed goeth, as it is written of Him: but wo to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had never been born. And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body. And He took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them: and they all drank of it. And He said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many. Verily, I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God.

PSALM XL.

I WAITED patiently for the Lord; and He inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

2. He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.

3. And He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.

4. Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

5. Many, O Lord my God, are Thy wonderful works which Thou hast done, and Thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto Thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.

6. Sacrifice and offering Thou didst not desire; mine ears hast Thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast Thou not required.

7. Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me,

8. I delight to do Thy will, O my God: yea, Thy law is within my heart.

9. I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O Lord, Thou knowest.

10. I have not hid Thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared Thy faithfulness and Thy salvation: I have not concealed Thy loving-kindness and Thy truth from the great congregation.

11. Withhold not Thou Thy tender mercies from me, O Lord: let Thy loving-kindness and Thy truth continually preserve me.

12. For innumerable evils have compassed me about: mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore my heart faileth me.

13. Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me: O Lord, make haste to help me.

14. Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it; let them be driven backward and put to shame that wish me evil.

15. Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame that say unto me, Aha, aha.

16. Let all those that seek Thee rejoice and be glad in Thee: let such as love Thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified.

17. But I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me: Thou art my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God.

PSALM XLI.

BLESSED is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.

2. The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall

be blessed upon the earth: and Thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies.

3. The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: Thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness.

4. I said, Lord, be merciful unto me: heal my soul; for I have sinned against Thee.

5. Mine enemies speak evil of me, When shall he die, and his name perish?

6. And if he come to see me, he speaketh vanity: his heart gathereth iniquity to itself; when he goeth abroad, he telleth it.

7. All that hate me whisper together against me: against me do they devise my hurt.

8. An evil disease, say they, cleaveth fast unto him: and now that he lieth he shall rise up no more.

9. Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, who did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.

10. But Thou, O Lord, be merciful unto me, and raise me up, that I may requite them.

11. By this I know that Thou favorest me, because mine enemy doth not triumph over me.

12. And as for me, Thou upholdest me in mine integrity, and settest me before Thy face for ever.

13. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, of Thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon Him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility, mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of His patience, and also be made partakers of His resurrection, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM LXIX.

SAVE me, O God; for the waters are come in unto my soul.

2. I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing: I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me.

3. I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried: mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.

4. They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, being mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored that which I took not away.

5. O God, Thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from Thee.

6. Let not them that wait on Thee, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed for my sake: let not those that seek Thee be confounded for my sake, O God of Israel.

7. Because for Thy sake I have borne reproach; shame hath covered my face.

8. I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mother's children.

9. For the zeal of Thine house hath eaten me up: and the reproaches of them that reproached Thee are fallen upon me.

10. When I wept, and chastened my soul with fasting, that was to my reproach.

11. I made sackcloth also my garment; and I became a proverb to them.

12. They that sit in the gate speak against me; and I was the song of the drunkards.

13. But as for me, my prayer is unto Thee, O Lord, in an acceptable time: O God, in the multitude of Thy mercy hear me, in the truth of Thy salvation.

14. Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink: let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.

15. Let not the waterflood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.

16. Hear me, O Lord; for Thy loving-kindness is good: turn unto me according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies.

17. And hide not Thy face from Thy servant; for I am in trouble: hear me speedily.

18. Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it: deliver me because of mine enemies.

19. Thou hast known my reproach, and my shame, and my dishonor: mine adversaries are all before Thee.

20. Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness: and I looked for some to take pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none.

21. They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

22. Let their table become a snare before them, and that which should have been for their welfare, let it become a trap.

23. Let their eyes be darkened, that they see not; and make their loins continually to shake.

24. Pour out Thine indignation upon them, and let Thy wrathful anger take hold of them.

25. Let their habitation be desolate; and let none dwell in their tents.

26. For they persecute him whom Thou hast smitten; and they talk to the grief of those whom Thou hast wounded.

27. Add iniquity unto their iniquity: and let them not come into Thy righteousness.

28. Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous.

29. But I am poor and sorrowful: let Thy salvation, O God, set me up on high.

30. I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify Him with thanksgiving.

31. This also shall please the Lord better than an ox or bullock that hath horns and hoofs.

32. The humble shall see this, and be glad: and your heart shall live that seek God.

33. For the Lord heareth the poor, and despiseth not His prisoners.

34. Let the heaven and earth praise Him, the seas, and every thing that moveth therein.

35. For God will save Zion, and will build the cities of Judah: that they may dwell there, and have it in possession.

36. The seed also of His servants shall inherit it: and they that love His name shall dwell therein.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

MONDAY BEFORE EASTER.

FOR THE EPISTLE.—Isaiah lxiii. 1.

WHO is this, that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the wine-fat? I have trodden the wine-press alone, and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury, and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment. For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come. And I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold: therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury it upheld me. And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth. I will mention the loving-kindnesses of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us, and the

great goodness toward the house of Israel, which He hath bestowed on them, according to His mercies, and according to the multitude of His loving-kindnesses. For He said, Surely they are my people, children that will not lie. So He was their Saviour. In all their affliction He was afflicted, and the angel of His presence saved them: in His love and in His pity He redeemed them, and He bare them, and carried them all the days of old. But they rebelled, and vexed His Holy Spirit: therefore He was turned to be their enemy, and He fought against them. Then He remembered the days of old, Moses and his people, saying, Where is He that brought them up out of the sea, with the shepherd of his flock? Where is He that put His Holy Spirit within him? that led them by the right hand of Moses, with His glorious arm dividing the water before them, to make Himself an everlasting name? that led them through the deep as an horse in the wilderness, that they should not stumble? As a beast goeth down into the valley, the Spirit of the Lord caused him to rest: so didst Thou lead Thy people, to make Thyself a glorious name. Look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of Thy holiness and of Thy glory: where is Thy zeal and Thy strength, the sounding of Thy bowels, and of Thy mercies toward me? are they restrained? Doubtless Thou art our Father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not: Thou, O Lord, art our Father, our Redeemer; Thy name is from everlasting. O Lord, why hast Thou made us to err from Thy ways, and hardened our heart from Thy fear? Return, for Thy servant's sake, the tribes of Thine inheritance. The people of Thy holiness have possessed it but a little while: our adversaries have trodden down Thy sanctuary. We are Thine: Thou never barest rule over them; they were not called by Thy name.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Luke xxii. 1.

NOW the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover. And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill Him: for they feared the people. Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve. And he went his way and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray Him unto them. And they were glad, and covenanted to give him money. And he promised, and sought opportunity to betray Him unto them in the absence of the multitude.

Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the passover must be killed. And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the passover, that we may eat. And they said unto Him, Where wilt Thou that we prepare? And He said unto them, Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall a man meet you, bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house where he entereth in. And ye shall say unto the good man of the house, The Master saith unto thee, Where is the guest-chamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples? And he shall shew you a large upper room furnished: there make ready. And they went and found as He had said unto them: and they made ready the passover. And when the hour was come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. And He said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer. For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. And He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come. And He took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you. But behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me is with me on the table. And truly the Son of Man goeth as it was determined: but wo unto that man by whom He is betrayed! And they began to inquire among themselves, which of them it was that should do this thing. And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest. And He said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors. But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger: and he that is chief, as he that doth serve. For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth. Ye are they who have continued with me in my temptations; and I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; that ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you,

that he may sift you as wheat: but I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. And he said unto Him, Lord, I am ready to go with Thee, both into prison, and to death. And He said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me. And He said unto them, When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said, Nothing. Then said He unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one. For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end. And they said, Lord, behold, here are two swords. And He said unto them, It is enough.

PSALM XLII.

AS the hart panteth after the water-brooks, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God.

2. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

3. My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?

4. When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holy-day.

5. Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise Him for the help of His countenance.

6. O my God, my soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember Thee from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from the hill Mizar.

7. Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of Thy water-spouts; all Thy waves and Thy billows are gone over me.

8. Yet the Lord will command His loving-kindness in the daytime, and in the night His song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

9. I will say unto God my rock, Why hast Thou forgotten me? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

10. As with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; while they say daily unto me, Where is thy God?

11. Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise Him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SUPPLICATIONS.

O LOVING Jesus, who having loved Thy disciples while in the world, didst love them unto the end, and didst pour out Thy heart in earnest supplications to Thy Father in their behalf, make us to be partakers of Thine unchanging love, and ever to be remembered in Thy glorious and prevailing intercession, as the Advocate of Thy people, at the right hand of the Majesty on High.

Answer. *Grant this, Lord Jesus, for Thine own mercies' sake.*

O GRACIOUS Saviour, who didst stoop to wash Thy disciples' feet, and wipe them with the towel wherewith Thou wast girded; overcome the pride and haughtiness of our nature, and engraft thereon Thy meek and lowly spirit, that we may follow Thy example, and be ever ready for offices of love to the least of our brethren.

Answer. *Grant this, Lord Jesus, for Thine own mercies' sake.*

O PATIENT and long-suffering Jesus, who wast betrayed by one of Thy disciples, denied by another, and forsaken by them all, let not Thy compassions fail toward us who have denied Thee by our sins, and have well nigh forsaken Thee in the weakness of our faith. Leave us not to ourselves, but call us back with the look of Thy grace, that we may so repent of our faithlessness, and lament our ingratitude, as to obtain Thy forgiveness, through the merits of Thy most precious blood.

Answer. Grant this, Lord Jesus, for Thine own mercies' sake.

TUESDAY BEFORE EASTER.

FOR THE EPISTLE.—Isaiah l. 5.

THE Lord God hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back. I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting. For the Lord God will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded; therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed. He is near that justifieth me; who will contend with me? let us stand together; who is mine adversary? let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord God will help me; who is he that shall condemn me? Lo, they all shall wax old as a garment: the moth shall eat them up. Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of His servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God. Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that compass yourselves about with sparks, walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks that ye have kindled. This shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Luke xxii. 39.

AND He came out, and went, as He was wont, to the mount of Olives; and His disciples also followed Him. And when He was at the place, He said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation. And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, saying, Father, if Thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless, not my will, but Thine, be

done. And there appeared an angel unto Him from heaven, strengthening Him. And being in an agony, He prayed more earnestly: and His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground. And when He rose up from prayer, and was come to His disciples, He found them sleeping for sorrow, and said unto them, Why sleep ye, rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. And while He yet spake, behold a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near unto Jesus to kiss Him. But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of Man with a kiss? When they who were about Him, saw what would follow, they said unto Him, Lord, shall we smite with the sword? And one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear. And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him. Then Jesus said unto the chief priests, and captains of the temple, and the elders who were come to Him, Be ye come out as against a thief, with swords and staves? When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: but this is your hour, and the power of darkness. Then took they Him, and led Him, and brought Him into the high priest's house. And Peter followed afar off. And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and were set down together, Peter sat down among them. But a certain maid beheld him as he sat by the fire, and earnestly looked upon him, and said, This man was also with Him. And he denied Him, saying, Woman, I know Him not. And after a little while another saw him, and said, Thou art also of them. And Peter said, Man, I am not. And about the space of one hour after, another confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this fellow also was with Him; for he is a Galilean. And Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest. And immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew. And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And Peter went out, and wept bitterly. And the men that held Jesus, mocked Him, and smote Him. And when they had blindfolded Him, they struck Him on the face, and asked Him, saying, Prophesy, who is it that smote Thee? And many other things blasphemously spake they against Him. And as soon as it was day, the elders of the people, and the chief priests, and the

scribes came together, and led Him into their council, saying, Art Thou the Christ? tell us. And He said unto them, If I tell you, ye will not believe. And if I also ask you, ye will not answer me, nor let me go. Hereafter shall the Son of Man sit on the right hand of the power of God. Then said they all, Art Thou then the Son of God? And He said unto them, Ye say that I am. And they said, What need we any further witness? for we ourselves have heard of His own mouth.

PSALM LXIV.

HEAR my voice, O God, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy.

2. Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked; from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity:

3. Who whet their tongue like a sword, and bend their bows to shoot their arrows, even bitter words:

4. That they may shoot in secret at the perfect: suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not.

5. They encourage themselves in an evil matter: they commune of laying snares privily; they say, Who shall see them?

6. They search out iniquities; they accomplish a diligent search: both the inward thought of every one of them, and the heart, is deep.

7. But God shall shoot at them with an arrow; suddenly shall they be wounded.

8. So they shall make their own tongue to fall upon themselves; all that see them shall flee away.

9. And all men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God; for they shall wisely consider of His doing.

10. The righteous shall be glad in the Lord, and shall trust in Him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou

that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SUPPLICATIONS.

O BLESSED and adorable Saviour, who as at this time didst complete the work of our redemption, with many sufferings and woes unutterable, Thy soul being exceedingly sorrowful even unto death, give us grace, we beseech Thee, to follow Thee in the course of Thy passion, that we may see what Thou didst endure for us sinners; and be constrained to live henceforth not unto ourselves, but unto Thee, who didst give Thyself for us, and die, the just for the unjust, to bring us unto God.

Answer. Grant this, Lord Jesus, for Thine own mercies' sake.

O MOST lowly Jesus, who didst with meekness suffer all insults and injuries in Thy adorable person, mortify in us all angry passions, that we may not return injuries with malice, or ever think of revenge, but bear all things patiently for Thy sake, Thou meek and silent Lamb of God, the only Saviour of our souls.

Answer. Grant this, Lord Jesus, for Thine own mercies' sake.

WEDNESDAY BEFORE EASTER.

THE EPISTLE.—Heb. ix. 16.

WHERE a testament is, there must also, of necessity, be the death of the testator: for a testament is of force after men are dead; otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth. Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood. For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people, according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book and all the people, saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you. Moreover, he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry. And almost all things

are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: nor yet that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others: for then must He often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment, so Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time, without sin, unto salvation.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Luke xxiii. 1.

AND the whole multitude of them arose, and led Him unto Pilate. And they began to accuse Him, saying, We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Cesar, saying that He Himself is Christ, a King. And Pilate asked Him, saying, Art Thou the King of the Jews? And He answered him and said, Thou sayest it. Then said Pilate to the chief priests, and to the people, I find no fault in this man. And they were the more fierce, saying, He stirreth up the people, teaching throughout all Jewry, beginning from Galilee to this place. When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man were a Galilean. And as soon as he knew that He belonged unto Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who himself was also at Jerusalem at that time. And when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceeding glad: for he was desirous to see Him of a long season, because he had heard many things of Him; and he hoped to have seen some miracle done by Him. Then he questioned with Him in many words; but He answered him nothing. And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused Him. And Herod with his men of war set Him at nought, and mocked Him, and arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe, and sent Him again to Pilate. And the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together; for before they were at enmity between themselves. And Pilate, when he had called together the

chief priests, and the rulers, and the people, said unto them, Ye have brought this man unto me, as one that perverteth the people: and behold, I, having examined Him before you, have found no fault in this man, touching those things whereof ye accuse Him; no, nor yet Herod: for I sent you to him, and lo, nothing worthy of death is done unto him: I will therefore chastise Him, and release Him. (For of necessity he must release one unto them at the feast.) And they cried out all at once, saying, Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas: (who, for a certain sedition made in the city, and for murder, was cast into prison.) Pilate therefore, willing to release Jesus, spake again to them. But they cried, saying, Crucify Him, crucify Him. And he said unto them the third time, Why, what evil hath He done? I have found no cause of death in Him: I will therefore chastise Him, and let Him go. And they were instant with loud voices, requiring that He might be crucified: and the voices of them, and of the chief priests prevailed. And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they required. And he released unto them him that for sedition and murder was cast into prison, whom they had desired; but he delivered Jesus to their will. And as they led Him away, they laid hold upon one Simon a Cyrenian, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus.

PSALM III.

LORD, how are they increased that trouble me! many are they that rise up against me.

2. Many there be who say of my soul, There is no help for him in God.

3. But Thou, O Lord, art a shield for me: my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.

4. I cried unto the Lord with my voice, and He heard me out of His holy hill.

5. I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the Lord sustained me.

6. I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set themselves against me round about.

7. Arise, O Lord; save me, O my God: for Thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheek bone; Thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.

8. Salvation belongeth unto the Lord: Thy blessing is upon Thy people.

PSALM IV.

HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness: Thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

2. O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame? how long will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing?

3. But know that the Lord hath set apart Him that is godly for Himself: the Lord will hear when I call unto Him.

4. Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.

5. Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord.

6. There be many that say, Who will shew us any good? Lord, lift Thou up the light of Thy countenance upon us.

7. Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased.

8. I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for Thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SUPPLICATIONS.

O ETERNAL Jesus, who didst wear the crown of thorns and the purple robe, with which Thy persecutors would mock Thy heavenly majesty; may we ever adore, love, and obey Thee as the

Lord of heaven and earth, and worship Thy name, as the only Name given among men whereby we may be saved.

Answer. Grant this, Lord Jesus, for Thine own mercies' sake.

O ADORABLE Jesus, of humility and compassion that passeth knowledge, who didst bear Thy cross to Mount Calvary, and didst bid the mourners who followed Thee not to weep for Thee but for themselves; grant us to be partakers of Thy Spirit, that we may bear with a patient mind whatever cross Thou shalt lay upon us, and bewail with true repentance our transgressions, so that crucified to the world, we may be quickened by Thy cross to life everlasting.

Answer. Grant this, Lord Jesus, for Thine own mercies' sake.

THURSDAY BEFORE EASTER.

THE EPISTLE.—1 Cor. xi. 17.

IN this that I declare unto you, I praise you not; that you come together not for the better, but for the worse. For, first of all, when ye come together in the Church, I hear that there be divisions among you: and I partly believe it. For there must be also heresies among you, that they who are approved may be made manifest among you. When ye come together, therefore, into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's supper. For, in eating, every one taketh before other his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken. What! have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the Church of God, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise you not. For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat; this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner, also, He took the cup, when He had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till He come. Wherefore, whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the

Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. For, if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world. Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another. And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Luke xxiii. 27.

AND there followed Him a great company of people, and of women, who also bewailed and lamented Him. But Jesus turning unto them, said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children. For behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck. Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us. For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in a dry? And there were also two others, malefactors, led with Him to be put to death. And when they were come to the place which is called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the malefactors; one on the right hand, and the other on the left. Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them: for they know not what they do. And they parted His raiment, and cast lots. And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided Him, saying, He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He be Christ, the chosen of God. And the soldiers also mocked Him, coming to Him, and offering Him vinegar, and saying, If Thou be the King of the Jews, save Thyself. And a superscription also was written over Him, in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. And one of the malefactors, who were hanged, railed on Him, saying, If Thou be Christ, save Thyself and us. But the other answering, rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.

And He said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily, I say unto thee, To-day shalt thou be with me in paradise. And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. And the sun was darkened, and the vail of the temple was rent in the midst. And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, He said, Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, He gave up the ghost. Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man. And all the people that came together to that sight, beholding the things which were done, smote their breasts and returned. And all His acquaintance, and the women that followed Him from Galilee, stood afar off, beholding these things. And behold, there was a man named Joseph, a counsellor: and he was a good man, and a just: (the same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them:) he was of Arimathea, a city of the Jews; who also himself waited for the kingdom of God. This man went unto Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. And he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid. And that day was the preparation, and the Sabbath drew on. And the women also, who came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how His body was laid. And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the Sabbath-day, according to the commandment.

PSALM XLIII.

JUDGE me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation: O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.

2. For Thou art the God of my strength: why dost Thou cast me off? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

3. O send out Thy light and Thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto Thy holy hill, and to Thy tabernacles.

4. Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise Thee, O God my God.

5. Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet praise Him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

PSALM CXXIX.

MANY a time have they afflicted me from my youth, may Israel now say:

2. Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth: yet they have not prevailed against me.

3. The ploughers ploughed upon my back: they made long their furrows.

4. The Lord is righteous: He hath cut asunder the cords of the wicked.

5. Let them all be confounded and turned back that hate Zion.

6. Let them be as the grass upon the housetops, which withereth afore it groweth up:

7. Wherewith the mower filleth not his hand; nor he that bindeth sheaves his bosom.

8. Neither do they who go by say, The blessing of the Lord be upon you: we bless you in the name of the Lord.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SUPPLICATIONS.

O PATIENT Lord, who in Thy bitter pains didst pray for those who persecuted and reviled Thee, saying, Father, forgive them, they know not what they do, give us of Thy Spirit, that we may love our enemies, pray for them, and do good to them who do evil unto us, that at last we may not fail of Thy forgiveness at the day of judgment.

Answer. Grant this, Lord Jesus, for Thine own mercies' sake.

O LORD JESUS! full of grace and truth, who, being crucified between two thieves, didst promise to one of them, believing on Thee and confessing Thee, the fruition of paradise; look upon us with the eye of pity wherewith Thou didst behold that repentant thief, pardon us freely, and grant us at last to hear Thy blessed word, This day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

Answer. *Grant this, Lord Jesus, for Thine own mercies' sake.*

O IMMORTAL Jesus, who when Thou was pleased to die, didst bow Thine head and commend Thy Spirit into the hands of Thy Father, grant that when the hour of our departure shall come, we may be willing to leave this mortal life, and Thou being present to our sight, and shining upon us with the light of Thy countenance, we may joyfully commit our souls to Thee, who art the Lord of Life, and hast the keys of death and hell.

Answer. *Grant this, Lord Jesus, for Thine own mercies' sake.*

GOOD FRIDAY.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—Heb. x. 1.

THE law, having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never, with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually, make the comers thereunto perfect. For then, would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshipers once purged, should have had no more conscience of sins. But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. Wherefore, when He cometh into the world, He saith, Sacrifice and offering Thou wouldest not, but a body hast Thou prepared me: in burnt-offerings and sacrifices for sin Thou hast had no pleasure: then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me) to do Thy will, O God. Above, when He said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt-offerings and offering for sin Thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein,

which are offered by the law; then said He, Lo, I come to do Thy will, O God; He taketh away the first, that He may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified, through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins, for ever sat down on the right hand of God; from henceforth expecting till His enemies be made His footstool. For by one offering He hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified: whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that He had said before, This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; and their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Now, where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin. Having, therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which He hath consecrated for us through the vail, that is to say, His flesh; and having an High Priest over the house of God; let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for He is faithful that promised;) and let us consider one another, to provoke unto love, and to good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

THE GOSPEL.—St. John xix. 1.

PILATE, therefore, took Jesus, and scourged Him. And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe, and said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote Him with their hands. Pilate, therefore, went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring Him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in Him. Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man! When the chief priests, therefore, and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, Crucify Him, crucify Him. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye Him, and crucify Him; for I find

no fault in Him. The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God. When Pilate, therefore, heard that saying, he was the more afraid; and went again into the judgment-hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art Thou? But Jesus gave him no answer. Then saith Pilate unto Him, Speakest Thou not unto me? Knowest Thou not that I have power to crucify Thee, and have power to release Thee? Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above; therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin. And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release Him; but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Cæsar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Cæsar. When Pilate, therefore, heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment-seat, in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King! But they cried out, Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Cæsar. Then delivered he Him therefore unto them, to be crucified: and they took Jesus, and led Him away. And He, bearing His cross, went forth into a place called The place of a skull, which is called, in the Hebrew, Golgotha; where they crucified Him, and two other with Him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst. And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross; and the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. This title then read many of the Jews; for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city; and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin. Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that He said, I am King of the Jews. Pilate answered, What I have written, I have written. Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also His coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said, therefore, among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the Scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things, therefore, the soldiers did. Now there stood by

the cross of Jesus, His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus, therefore, saw His mother, and the disciple standing by whom He loved, He saith unto His mother, Woman, behold thy son. Then saith He to the disciple, Behold thy mother. And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home. After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to His mouth. When Jesus, therefore, had received the vinegar, He said, It is finished: and He bowed His head, and gave up the ghost. The Jews, therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the Sabbath-day, (for that Sabbath-day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then came the soldiers and brake the legs of the first, and of the other who was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that He was dead already, they brake not His legs. But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced His side, and forthwith came thereout blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. For these things were done, that the Scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of Him shall not be broken. And again another Scripture saith, They shall look on Him whom they pierced.

PSALM XXII.

MY God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me? why art Thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?

2. O my God, I cry in the daytime, but Thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent.

3. But Thou art holy, O Thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

4. Our fathers trusted in Thee: they trusted, and Thou didst deliver them.

5. They cried unto Thee, and were delivered: they trusted in Thee, and were not confounded.

6. But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people.

7. All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,

8. He trusted on the Lord that He would deliver him: let Him deliver him, seeing he delighted in Him.

9. But Thou art He that took me out of the womb: Thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother's breasts.

10. I was cast upon Thee from the womb: Thou art my God from my mother's belly.

11. Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to help.

12. Many bulls have compassed me: strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round.

13. They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion.

14. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels.

15. My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and Thou has brought me into the dust of death.

16. For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.

17. I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me.

18. They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

19. But be not Thou far from me, O Lord: O my strength, haste Thee to help me.

20. Deliver my soul from the sword; my darling from the power of the dog.

21. Save me from the lion's mouth: for Thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns.

22. I will declare Thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise Thee.

23. Ye that fear the Lord, praise Him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify Him; and fear Him, all ye the seed of Israel.

24. For He hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath He hid His face from him; but when he cried unto Him, He heard.

25. My praise shall be of Thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear Him.

26. The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the Lord that seek Him: your heart shall live for ever.

27. All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before Thee.

28. For the kingdom is the Lord's: and he is the governor among the nations.

29. All they that be fat upon earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before Him: and none can keep alive his own soul.

30. A seed shall serve Him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation.

31. They shall come, and shall declare His righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that He hath done this.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

INTERCESSION.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, whose most blessed Son, Jesus Christ, came forth from the bosom of Thy love to seek and to save those who were lost; Who was lifted up that He might draw all men unto Him; in His name we commend unto Thy mercy all men everywhere, who as yet have heard or know not the saving power of His cross. Make the light thereof to shine in the dark places of the earth, and with its might throw down the kingdom of Satan in the world. Wherever Thy Gospel is preached, let there be those who will hear and believe. Enlighten them who are yet groping in the darkness of a legal spirit, and give them to see the righteousness which is of Thee by faith. Show unto all believers the fulness of their salvation in Christ, and that they are complete in

Him. Deliver those who are ensnared in the toils of the world, or who are in bondage to the flesh and the devil. Set them free by the power of Thy love; bring them willing captives to the feet of Thy Son, giving them to feel, that whom He maketh free, they are free indeed. Let the fountain opened for sin and uncleanness avail more and more for the pardon and cleansing of sinners and for the perfecting in holiness of all Thy saints. O remember and bless anew Thy Church, purchased with the blood of the everlasting covenant. Make all the members thereof a peculiar people, zealous of good works. Walking in Thy fear, let Thy grace upon them be multiplied. Clothe Thy priests with righteousness, and make Thy chosen people joyful. Accomplish the number of Thine elect, and hasten Thy kingdom.

O Thou, who for the joy that was set before Thee didst endure the cross, despising the shame, have Thou joy in the conversion of multitudes of sinners in this our day—have Thou abundant fruit of the travail of Thy soul.

O Spirit of the living God, descend upon all mankind. Breathe the life of Him who is the Life into all the dead, and renew that life in all who are alive in Him.

Hear us, O God, we beseech Thee, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM LIX.

DELIVER me from mine enemies, O my God: defend me from them that rise up against me.

2. Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, and save me from bloody men.

3. For lo, they lie in wait for my soul: the mighty are gathered against me; not for my transgression, nor for my sin, O Lord.

4. They run and prepare themselves without my fault: awake to help me, and behold.

5. Thou therefore, O Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to visit all the heathen: be not merciful to any wicked transgressors.

6. They return at evening: they make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.

7. Behold, they belch out with their mouth: swords are in their lips: for who, say they, doth hear?

8. But Thou, O Lord, shalt laugh at them; Thou shalt have all the heathen in derision.

9. Because of His strength shall I wait upon Thee: for God is my defence.

10. The God of my mercy shall prevent me: God shall let me see my desire upon mine enemies.

11. Slay them not, lest my people forget: scatter them by Thy power; and bring them down, O Lord our shield.

12. For the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips let them even be taken in their pride: and for cursing and lying which they speak.

13. Consume them in wrath, consume them, that they may not be: and let them know that God ruleth in Jacob unto the ends of the earth.

14. And at evening let them return; and let them make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.

15. Let them wander up and down for meat, and grudge if they be not satisfied.

16. But I will sing of Thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of Thy mercy in the morning: for Thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.

17. Unto Thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God is my defence, and the God of my mercy.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

EASTER-EVEN.

THE EPISTLE.—1 St. Peter iii. 17.

IT is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well-doing, than for evil-doing. For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit; by which also He went and preached unto the spirits in prison; which sometime were disobedient, when once the long-suffering of God waited in the days

of Noah, while the ark was a preparing; wherein few, that is, eight souls, were saved by water. The like figure whereunto, even baptism, doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience towards God) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ; who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels, and authorities, and powers being made subject unto Him.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Matt. xxvii. 57.

WHEN the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: he went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed. And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre. Now the next day that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while He was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Command, therefore, that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night, and steal Him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead; so the last error shall be worse than the first. Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch; go your way, make it as sure as ye can. So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

PSALM XIII.

HOW long wilt Thou forget me, O Lord? for ever? how long wilt Thou hide Thy face from me?

2. How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart daily? how long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?

3. Consider and hear me, O Lord my God; lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death;

4. Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against Him; and those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved.

5. But I have trusted in Thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in Thy salvation.

6. I will sing unto the Lord, because He hath dealt bountifully with me.

PSALM CXXX.

OUT of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord.

2. Lord, hear my voice: let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

3. If Thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

4. But there is forgiveness with Thee, that Thou mayest be feared.

5. I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in His word do I hope.

6. My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning.

7. Let Israel hope in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption.

8. And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

GRANT, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of Thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, so, by continual mortifying our corrupt affections, we may be buried with Him; and that, through the grave and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection, for His merits, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EASTER-DAY.

MORNING.

At Morning Prayer, instead of the first Psalm, let this Anthem be sung or said.

CHRIST our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast;

Not with the old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Christ, being raised from the dead, dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over Him.

For in that He died, He died unto sin once; but in that He liveth, He liveth unto God.

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin; but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ is risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

THE EPISTLE.—Col. iii. 1.

IF ye, then, be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth: for ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory. Mortify, therefore, your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: for which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: in the which ye also walked sometime, when ye lived in them.

THE GOSPEL.—St. John xx. 1.

THE first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and saith unto

them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid Him. Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre. So they ran both together; and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre; and he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying, yet went he not in. Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie, and the napkin that was about His head not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself. Then went in also that other disciple, who came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed. For as yet they knew not the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.

PSALM II.

WHY do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?

2. The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his Anointed, saying,

3. Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

4. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

5. Then shall he speak unto them in His wrath, and vex them in His sore displeasure.

6. Yet have I set my King upon my holy hill of Zion.

7. I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

8. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

9. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

10. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.

11. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

12. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him.

PSALM XVI.

PRESERVE me, O God; for in Thee do I put my trust.

2. O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord, Thou art my Lord: my goodness extendeth not to Thee;

3. But to the saints that are in the earth, and to the excellent, in whom is all my delight.

4. Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after another god: their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take up their names into my lips.

5. The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: Thou maintainest my lot.

6. The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.

7. I will bless the Lord, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.

8. I have set the Lord always before me: because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

9. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

10. For Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt Thou suffer Thine Holy One to see corruption.

11. Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in Thy presence is fulness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY God, who through Thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life, we humbly beseech Thee, that as by Thy special grace inclining us, Thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by Thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM CXVIII.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: because His mercy endureth for ever.

2. Let Israel now say, that His mercy endureth for ever.

3. Let the house of Aaron now say, that His mercy endureth for ever.

4. Let them now that fear the Lord say, that His mercy endureth for ever.

5. I called upon the Lord in distress: the Lord answered me, and set me in a large place.

6. The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?

7. The Lord taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me.

8. It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.

9. It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.

10. All nations compassed me about: but in the name of the Lord will I destroy them.

11. They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about: but in the name of the Lord I will destroy them.

12. They compassed me about like bees; they are quenched as the fire of thorns: for in the name of the Lord I will destroy them.

13. Thou hast thrust sore at me that I might fall: but the Lord helped me.

14. The Lord is my strength and song, and is become my salvation.

15. The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly.

16. The right hand of the Lord is exalted: the right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly.

17. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

18. The Lord hath chastened me sore: but He hath not given me over unto death.

19. Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord:

20. This gate of the Lord, into which the righteous shall enter.

21. I will praise Thee: for Thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.

22. The stone which the builders refused is become the head-stone of the corner.

23. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

24. This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25. Save now, I beseech Thee, O Lord: O Lord, I beseech Thee, send now prosperity.

26. Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord: we have blessed you out of the house of the Lord.

27. God is the Lord, who hath shewed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.

28. Thou art my God, and I will praise Thee: Thou art my God, I will exalt Thee.

29. O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

MONDAY IN EASTER-WEEK.

FOR THE EPISTLE.—Acts x. 34.

PETER opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation, he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him. The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ, (He is Lord of all;) that word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost, and with power; who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil: for God was with Him. And we are witnesses of all things which He did, both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew, and hanged on a tree. Him God raised up the third day, and showed Him openly; not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with Him, after He rose from the dead. And He commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead. To Him give all the prophets witness, that, through His name, whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Luke xxiv. 13.

BEHOLD, two of His disciples went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. And it came to pass, that, while they communed together, and reasoned, Jesus Himself drew near, and went with them. But their eyes were holden, that they should not know Him. And He said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad? And one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering, said unto Him, Art Thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days? And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto Him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word, before God and all the people: and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be

condemned to death, and have crucified Him. But we trusted that it had been He who should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to-day is the third day since these things were done. Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre; and when they found not His body, they came, saying, That they had also seen a vision of angels, who said that He was alive. And certain of them who were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said; but Him they saw not. Then He said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into His glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded unto them, in all the Scriptures, the things concerning Himself. And they drew nigh unto the village whither they went: and He made as though He would have gone further: but they constrained Him, saying, Abide with us; for it is towards evening, and the day is far spent. And He went in to tarry with them. And it came to pass, as He sat at meat with them, He took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew Him, and He vanished out of their sight. And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us by the way, and while He opened to us the Scriptures? And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them, saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon. And they told what things were done in the way, and how He was known of them in breaking of bread.

PSALM CXI.

PRAISE ye the Lord. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

2. The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

3. His work is honorable and glorious: and His righteousness endureth for ever.

4. He hath made His wonderful works to be remembered: the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

5. He hath given meat unto them that fear Him: He will ever be mindful of His covenant.

6. He hath shewed His people the power of His works, that He may give them the heritage of the heathen.

7. The works of His hands are verity and judgment; all His commandments are sure.

8. They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.

9. He sent redemption unto His people: He hath commanded His covenant for ever: holy and reverend is His name.

10. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do His commandments: His praise endureth for ever.

PSALM CXIII.

PRAISE ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.

2. Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and for evermore.

3. From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised.

4. The Lord is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens.

5. Who is like unto the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high,

6. Who humbleth Himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth!

7. He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill;

8. That he may set him with princes, even with the princes of His people.

9. He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

ADORABLE Saviour, perfect in us, we beseech Thee, by Thy mighty power, the glorious work which Thou hast undertaken, in dying for our sins, and rising again for our justification. As Thou

hast loosened the pains of death, because it was impossible that Thou shouldst be holden of them; so let the pitifulness of Thy great mercy loose us, who are tied and bound with the chain of our sins, and grant unto us that perfect liberty wherewith Thou makest Thy people free; through Thine own name's sake. Amen.

TUESDAY IN EASTER-WEEK.

FOR THE EPISTLE.—Acts xiii. 26.

MEN and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent. For they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew Him not, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are read every Sabbath-day, they have fulfilled them in condemning Him. And though they found no cause of death in Him, yet desired they Pilate that He should be slain. And when they had fulfilled all that was written of Him, they took Him down from the tree, and laid Him in a sepulchre. But God raised Him from the dead: and He was seen many days of them who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are His witnesses unto the people. And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers, God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that He hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second Psalm, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten Thee. And as concerning that He raised Him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, He said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David. Wherefore He saith also in another Psalm, Thou shalt not suffer Thine Holy One to see corruption. For David, after He had served his own generation, by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption: but He whom God raised again saw no corruption. Be it known unto you, therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: and by Him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses. Beware, therefore, lest that come upon you which is spoken of in the prophets, Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish: for I work a

work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Luke xxiv. 36.

JESUS Himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. And He said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. And when He had thus spoken, he showed them His hands and His feet. And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, He said unto them, Have ye here any meat? And they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honey-comb. And He took it, and did eat before them. And He said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the law of Moses, and in the Prophets, and in the Psalms, concerning me. Then opened He their understanding, that they might understand the Scriptures: and said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things.

PSALM II.

WHY do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?

2. The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his Anointed, saying,

3. Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

4. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

5. Then shall he speak unto them in His wrath, and vex them in His sore displeasure.

6. Yet have I set my King upon my holy hill of Zion.

7. I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

8. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

9. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

10. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.

11. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

12. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and ye perish from the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him.

PSALM XVI.

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3. But to the saints that are in the earth, and to the excellent, in whom is all my delight.

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11. Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in Thy presence is fulness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

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As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

O THOU risen and exalted Redeemer, look upon Thy suffering people here upon earth. Give us grace patiently to endure unto the end; and as Thou hast prepared a place for us in Thy Father's house, prepare us day by day for that glorious inheritance. And grant that when Thou, who art our life, shalt appear, we may appear with Thee in glory. Hear us, we beseech Thee, for Thine own name's sake. Amen.

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—1 John v. 4.

WHATSOEVER is born of God overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? This is He that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood: and it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God, which He hath testified of His Son. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made Him a liar, because he believeth not the record that God gave of His Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life; and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

THE GOSPEL.—St. John xx. 19.

THE same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus, and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And when He had so said, He shewed unto them His hands and His side. Then were the disciples glad when

they saw the Lord. Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

PSALM LVII.

BE merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in Thee: yea, in the shadow of Thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast.

2. I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth all things for me.

3. He shall send from heaven, and save me from the reproach of him that would swallow me up. God shall send forth His mercy and His truth.

4. My soul is among lions: and I lie even among them that are set on fire, even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.

5. Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let Thy glory be above all the earth.

6. They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down: they have digged a pit before me, into the midst whereof they are fallen themselves.

7. My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.

8. Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp: I myself will awake early.

9. I will praise Thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto Thee among the nations.

10. For Thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and Thy truth unto the clouds.

11. Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: let Thy glory be above all the earth.

PSALM XXIII.

THE Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want.

2. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.

3. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

4. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

5. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY Father, who hast given Thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification, grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve Thee in pureness of living and truth, through the merits of the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM LXXVII.

I CRIED unto God with my voice, even unto God with my voice; and He gave ear unto me.

2. In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: my sore ran in the night, and ceased not: my soul refused to be comforted.

3. I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed.

4. Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am so troubled that I cannot speak.

5. I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times.

6. I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own heart: and my spirit made diligent search.

7. Will the Lord cast off for ever? and will He be favorable no more?

8. Is His mercy clean gone for ever? doth His promise fail for evermore?

9. Hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath He in anger shut up His tender mercies?

10. And I said, This is my infirmity: but I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High.

11. I will remember the works of the Lord: surely I will remember Thy wonders of old.

12. I will meditate also of all Thy work, and talk of Thy doings.

13. Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God?

14. Thou art the God that doest wonders: Thou hast declared Thy strength among the people.

15. Thou hast with Thine arm redeemed Thy people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph.

16. The waters saw Thee, O God, the waters saw Thee; they were afraid: the depths also were troubled.

17. The clouds poured out water: the skies sent out a sound: Thine arrows also went abroad.

18. The voice of Thy thunder was in the heaven: the lightnings lightened the world: the earth trembled and shook.

19. Thy way is in the sea, and Thy path in the great waters, and Thy footsteps are not known.

20. Thou leddest Thy people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—1 St. Peter ii. 19.

THIS is thank-worthy, if a man, for conscience toward God, endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? But if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. For even hereunto were ye called; because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps: who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth: who, when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not; but committed Himself to Him that judgeth righteously: who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sin, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

THE GOSPEL.—St. John x. 11.

JESUS said, I am the good Shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good Shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold and one shepherd.

PSALM LXXVIII.—Part 1.

GIVE ear, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2. I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old:

3. Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.

4. We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the

generation to come the praises of the Lord, and His strength, and His wonderful works that He hath done.

5. For He established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children:

6. That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children:

7. That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments:

8. And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not steadfast with God.

9. The children of Ephraim, being armed, and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle.

10. They kept not the covenant of God, and refused to walk in His law;

11. And forgat His works, and His wonders that He had shewed them.

12. Marvellous things did He in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

13. He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through; and He made the waters to stand as a heap.

14. In the daytime also He led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of fire.

15. He clave the rocks of the wilderness, and gave them drink as out of the great depths.

16. He brought streams also out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers.

17. And they sinned yet more against Him by provoking the Most High in the wilderness.

18. And they tempted God in their heart by asking meat for their lust.

19. Yea, they spake against God; they said, Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?

20. Behold, He smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed; can He give bread also? can He provide flesh for His people?

21. Therefore the Lord heard this, and was wroth: so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel;

22. Because they believed not in God, and trusted not in His salvation:

23. Though He had commanded the clouds from above, and opened the doors of heaven,

24. And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven.

25. Man did eat angels' food: He sent them meat to the full.

26. He caused an east wind to blow in the heaven: and by His power He brought in the south wind.

27. He rained flesh also upon them as dust, and feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea:

28. And He let it fall in the midst of their camp, round about their habitations.

29. So they did eat, and were well filled: for He gave them their own desire;

30. They were not estranged from their lust; but while their meat was yet in their mouths,

31. The wrath of God came upon them, and slew the fattest of them, and smote down the chosen men of Israel.

32. For all this they sinned still, and believed not for His wondrous works.

33. Therefore their days did He consume in vanity, and their years in trouble.

34. When He slew them, then they sought Him: and they returned and inquired early after God.

35. And they remembered that God was their Rock, and the high God their Redeemer.

36. Nevertheless they did flatter Him with their mouth, and they lied unto Him with their tongues.

37. For their heart was not right with Him, neither were they steadfast in His covenant.

38. But He, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, and destroyed them not: yea, many a time turned He His anger away, and did not stir up all His wrath.

39. For He remembered that they were but flesh; a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given Thine only Son to be unto us both a Sacrifice for sin, and also an Ensample of godly life, give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that His inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed step of His most holy life, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM LXXVIII.—Part 2.

HOW oft did they provoke Him in the wilderness, and grieve Him in the desert!

41. Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.

42. They remembered not His hand, nor the day when He delivered them from the enemy:

43. How He had wrought His signs in Egypt, and His wonders in the field of Zoan.

44. And had turned their rivers into blood: and their floods, that they could not drink.

45. He sent divers sorts of flies among them, which devoured them; and frogs, which destroyed them.

46. He gave also their increase unto the caterpillar, and their labor unto the locust.

47. He destroyed their vines with hail, and their sycamore trees with frost.

48. He gave up their cattle also to the hail, and their flocks to hot thunderbolts.

49. He cast upon them the fierceness of His anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil angels among them.

50. He made a way to His anger; He spared not their soul from death, but gave their life over to the pestilence;

51. And smote all the first-born in Egypt; the chief of their strength in the tabernacles of Ham:

52. But made His own people to go forth like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

53. And He led them on safely, so that they feared not: but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.

54. And He brought them to the border of His sanctuary, even to this mountain, which His right hand had purchased.

55. He cast out the heathen also before them, and divided them an inheritance by line, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

56. Yet they tempted and provoked the most high God, and kept not His testimonies:

57. But turned back, and dealt unfaithfully like their fathers: they were turned aside like a deceitful bow.

58. For they provoked Him to anger with their high places, and moved Him to jealousy with their graven images.

59. When God heard this, He was wroth, and greatly abhorred Israel:

60. So that He forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh, the tent which He placed among men;

61. And delivered His strength into captivity, and His glory into the enemy's hand.

62. He gave His people over also unto the sword; and was wroth with His inheritance.

63. The fire consumed their young men; and their maidens were not given to marriage.

64. Their priests fell by the sword; and their widows made no lamentation.

65. Then the Lord awaked as one out of sleep, and like a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine.

66. And He smote His enemies in the hinder parts: He put them to a perpetual reproach.

67. Moreover He refused the tabernacle of Joseph, and chose not the tribe of Ephraim:

68. But chose the tribe of Judah, the mount Zion which He loved.

69. And He built His sanctuary like high palaces, like the earth which He hath established for ever.

70. He chose David also His servant, and took him from the sheepfolds:

71. From following the ewes great with young He brought him to feed Jacob His people, and Israel His inheritance.

72. So He fed them according to the integrity of His heart; and guided them by the skilfulness of His hands.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—1 St. Peter ii. 11.

DEARLY beloved, I beseech you, as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; having your conversation honest among the Gentiles; that, whereas they speak against you as evil-doers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation. Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake; whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evil-doers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well-doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: as free, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness; but as the servants of God. Honor all men: love the brotherhood: fear God: honor the king.

HE GOSPEL.—St. John xiv. 16.

JESUS said to His disciples, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, A little while, and ye shall me; because I go to the Father. Then said some of His disciples among themselves, What is this that He saith unto us, A little while, and ye shall not see me; and again, A little while, and ye shall see me; and, Because I go to the Father? They said, therefore, What is this that He saith, A little while? we cannot tell what He saith. Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask Him, and said unto them, Do ye inquire among yourselves of that I said, A little while, and ye shall not see me; and again, A little while, and ye shall see me? Verily, verily, I say unto you, that ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice; and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world. And ye now, therefore, have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

PSALM CV.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord; call upon His name: make known His deeds among the people.

2. Sing unto Him, sing psalms unto Him: talk ye of all His wondrous works.

3. Glory ye in His holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.

4. Seek the Lord, and His strength: seek his face evermore.

5. Remember His marvellous works that He hath done; His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth;

6. O ye seed of Abraham His servant, ye children of Jacob His chosen.

7. He is the Lord our God: His judgments are in all the earth.

8. He hath remembered His covenant for ever, the word which He commanded to a thousand generations.

9. Which covenant He made with Abraham, and His oath unto Isaac:

10. And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant:

11. Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance:

12. When they were but a few men in number; yea, very few, and strangers in it.

13. When they went from one nation to another, from one kingdom to another people;

14. He suffered no man to do them wrong; yea, He reproved kings for their sakes;

15. Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.

16. Moreover He called for a famine upon the land: He brake the whole staff of bread.

17. He sent a man before them, even Joseph, who was sold for a servant:

18. Whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron:

19. Until the time that His word came: the word of the Lord tried him.

20. The king sent and loosed him; even the ruler of the people, and let him go free.

21. He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his substance:

22. To bind his princes at his pleasure; and teach his senators wisdom.

23. Israel also came into Egypt; and Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.

24. And He increased His people greatly; and made them stronger than their enemies.

25. He turned their heart to hate His people, to deal subtilely with His servants.

26. He sent Moses His servant; and Aaron whom He had chosen.

27. They shewed His signs among them, and wonders in the land of Ham.

28. He sent darkness, and made it dark; and they rebelled not against His word.

29. He turned their waters into blood, and slew their fish.

30. Their land brought forth frogs in abundance, in the chambers of their kings.

31. He spake, and there came divers sorts of flies, and lice in all their coasts.

32. He gave them hail for rain, and flaming fire in their land.

33. He smote their vines also and their fig-trees; and brake the trees of their coasts.

34. He spake, and the locusts came, and caterpillars, and that without number.

35. And did eat up all the herbs in their land, and devoured the fruit of their ground.

36. He smote also all the first-born in their land, the chief of all their strength.

37. He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes.

38. Egypt was glad when they departed: for the fear of them fell upon them.

39. He spread a cloud for a covering; and fire to give light in the night.

40. The people asked, and He brought quails, and satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

41. He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out; they ran in the dry places like a river.

42. For He remembered His holy promise, and Abraham His servant.

43. And He brought forth His people with joy, and His chosen with gladness:

44. And gave them the lands of the heathen: and they inherited the labor of the people;

45. That they might observe His statutes, and keep His laws. Praise ye the Lord.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY God, who showest to them that are in error the light of Thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness, grant unto all those who are admitted into the fel-

lowship of Christ's religion, that they may avoid those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM CVI.

PRAISE ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever.

2. Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord? who can shew forth all His praise?

3. Blessed are they that keep judgment, and he that doeth righteousness at all times.

4. Remember me, O Lord, with the favour that Thou bearest unto Thy people: O visit me with Thy salvation;

5. That I may see the good of Thy chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of Thy nation, that I may glory with Thine inheritance.

6. We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.

7. Our fathers understood not Thy wonders in Egypt; they remembered not the multitude of Thy mercies; but provoked Him at the sea, even at the Red sea.

8. Nevertheless He saved them for His name's sake, that He might make His mighty power to be known.

9. He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up: so He led them through the depths, as through the wilderness.

10. And He saved them from the hand of him that hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

11. And the waters covered their enemies: there was not one of them left.

12. Then believed they His words; they sang His praise.

13. They soon forgat His works; they waited not for His counsel:

14. But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert.

15. And He gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul.

16. They envied Moses also in the camp, and Aaron the saint of the Lord.

17. The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, and covered the company of Abiram.

18. And a fire was kindled in their company; the flame burned up the wicked.

19. They made a calf in Horeb, and worshiped the molten image.

20. Thus they changed their glory into the similitude of an ox that eateth grass.

21. They forgat God their saviour, who had done great things in Egypt;

22. Wondrous works in the land of Ham, and terrible things by the Red sea.

23. Therefore He said that He would destroy them, had not Moses His chosen stood before Him in the breach, to turn away His wrath, lest He should destroy them.

24. Yea, they despised the pleasant land, they believed not His word:

25. But murmured in their tents, and hearkened not unto the voice of the Lord.

26. Therefore He lifted up His hand against them, to overthrow them in the wilderness:

27. To overthrow their seed also among the nations, and to scatter them in the lands.

28. They joined themselves also unto Baal-peor, and ate the sacrifices of the dead.

29. Thus they provoked Him to anger with their inventions: and the plague brake in upon them.

30. Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment: and so the plague was stayed.

31. And that was counted unto Him for righteousness unto all generations for evermore.

32. They angered Him also at the waters of strife, so that it went ill with Moses for their sakes:

33. Because they provoked His spirit, so that He spake unadvisedly with His lips.

34. They did not destroy the nations, concerning whom the Lord commanded them:

35. But were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works.

36. And they served their idols: which were a snare unto them.

37. Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils,

38. And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood.

39. Thus were they defiled with their own works: and went a whoring with their own inventions.

40. Therefore was the wrath of the Lord kindled against His people, insomuch that He abhorred His own inheritance.

41. And He gave them into the hand of the heathen; and they that hated them ruled over them.

42. Their enemies also oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under their hand.

43. Many times did He deliver them; but they provoked Him with their counsel, and were brought low for their iniquity.

44. Nevertheless He regarded their affliction, when He heard their cry:

45. And He remembered for them His covenant, and repented according to the multitude of His mercies.

46. He made them also to be pitied of all those that carried them captives.

47. Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the heathen, to give thanks unto Thy holy name, and to triumph in Thy praise.

48. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, Amen. Praise ye the Lord.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—St. James i. 17.

EVERY good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. Of His own will begat He us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first-fruits of His creatures. Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

THE GOSPEL.—St. John xvi. 5.

JESUS said unto His disciples, Now I go my way to Him that sent me, and none of you asketh me, Whither goest Thou? But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you. And when He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they believe not on me; of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit, when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak; and He will show you things to come. He shall glorify me: for He shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine; therefore said I, that He shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

PSALM CVII.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever.

2. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

3. And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.

4. They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in.

5. Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.

6. Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them out of their distresses.

7. And He led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

8. Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

9. For He satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

10. Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron:

11. Because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the Most High:

12. Therefore He brought down their heart with labor; they fell down, and there was none to help.

13. Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and He saved them out of their distresses.

14. He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder.

15. Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

16. For He hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder.

17. Fools, because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted.

18. Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death.

19. Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and He saveth them out of their distresses.

20. He sent His word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

21. Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

22. And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare His works with rejoicing.

23. They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;

24. These see the works of the Lord, and His wonders in the deep.

25. For He commandeth and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

26. They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble.

27. They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wit's end.

28. Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and He bringeth them out of their distresses.

29. He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

30. Then are they glad because they be quiet; so He bringeth them unto their desired haven.

31. Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

32. Let them exalt Him also in the congregation of the people, and praise Him in the assembly of the elders.

33. He turneth rivers into a wilderness, and the water-springs into dry ground;

34. A fruitful land into barrenness, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.

35. He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into water-springs.

36. And there He maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation;

37. And sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase.

38. He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly; and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

39. Again, they are minished and brought low through oppression, affliction, and sorrow.

40. He poureth contempt upon princes, and causeth them to wander in the wilderness, where there is no way.

41. Yet setteth He the poor on high from affliction, and maketh Him families like a flock.

42. The righteous shall see it, and rejoice: and all iniquity shall stop her mouth.

43. Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the loving-kindness of the Lord.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

O ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men, grant unto Thy people, that they may love the thing which Thou commandest, and desire that which Thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING

PSALM CXIV.

WHEN Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language;

2. Judah was His sanctuary, and Israel His dominion.

3. The sea saw it, and fled: Jordan was driven back.

4. The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like lambs.

5. What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?

6. Ye mountains that ye skipped like rams; and ye little hills, like lambs?

7. Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob;

8. Who turned the rock into a standing-water, the flint into a fountain of waters.

PSALM CXV.

NOT unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory, for Thy mercy, and for Thy truth's sake.

2. Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is now their God?

3. But our God is in the heavens: He hath done whatsoever He pleased.

4. Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

5. They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not:

6. They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not:

7. They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat.

8. They that make them are like unto them; so is every one that trusteth in them.

9. O Israel, trust thou in the Lord: He is their help and their shield.

10. O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord: He is their help and their shield.

11. Ye that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord: He is their help and their shield.

12. The Lord hath been mindful of us: He will bless us; He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron.

13. He will bless them that fear the Lord, both small and great.

14. The Lord shall increase you more and more, you and your children.

15. Ye are blessed of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

16. The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

17. The dead praise not the Lord, neither any that go down into silence.

18. But we will bless the Lord from this time forth and for evermore. Praise the Lord.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we

give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—St. James i. 22.

BE ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass. For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

THE GOSPEL.—St. John xvi. 23.

VERILY, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, He will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father. At that day ye shall ask in my name; and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for

you; for the Father Himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world; again, I leave the world, and go to the Father. His disciples said unto Him, Lo, now speakest Thou plainly, and speakest no proverb. Now are we sure that Thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask Thee: by this we believe that Thou camest forth from God. Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe? Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me. These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

PSALM CXXIV.

IF it had not been the Lord who was on our side, now may Israel say:

2. If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when men rose up against us:

3. Then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us:

4. Then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul:

5. Then the proud waters had gone over our soul.

6. Blessed be the Lord, who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth.

7. Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.

8. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

PSALM CXXV.

THEY that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.

2. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about His people from henceforth even for ever.

3. For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous; lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity.

4. Do good, O Lord, unto those that be good, and to them that are upright in their hearts.

5. As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the Lord shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity: but peace shall be upon Israel.

PSALM CXXVI.

WHEN the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream.

2. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The Lord hath done great things for them.

3. The Lord hath done great things for us: whereof we are glad.

4. Turn again our captivity, O Lord, as the streams in the south.

5. They that sow in tears, shall reap in joy.

6. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

O LORD, from whom all good things do come, grant to us Thy humble servants, that, by Thy holy inspiration, we may think those things that are good, and, by Thy merciful guiding, may perform the same, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM CXXXIX.

O LORD, Thou hast searched me, and known me.

2. Thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising; Thou understandest my thought afar off.

3. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

4. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, Thou knowest it altogether.

5. Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid Thine hand upon me.

6. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

7. Whither shall I go from Thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from Thy presence?

8. If I ascend up into heaven, Thou art there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, Thou art there.

9. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

10. Even there shall Thy hand lead me, and Thy right hand shall hold me.

11. If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

12. Yea, the darkness hideth not from Thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to Thee.

13. For Thou hast possessed my reins: Thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

14. I will praise Thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are Thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

15. My substance was not hid from Thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

16. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in Thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

17. How precious also are Thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

18. If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with Thee.

19. Surely Thou wilt slay the wicked, O God: depart from me therefore, ye bloody men.

20. For they speak against Thee wickedly, and Thine enemies take Thy name in vain.

21. Do not I hate them, O Lord, that hate Thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against Thee?

22. I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies.

23. Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts

24. And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE ASCENSION-DAY

MORNING.

FOR THE EPISTLE.—Acts i. 1.

THE former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up, after that He, through the Holy Ghost, had given commandments unto the apostles whom He had chosen; to whom, also, He shewed himself alive after His passion, by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God; and being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith He, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost, not many days hence. When they, therefore, were come together, they asked of Him, saying, Lord, wilt Thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And He said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons which the Father hath put in His own power. But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and

unto the uttermost part of the earth. And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven, as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; who also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Mark xvi. 14.

JESUS appeared unto the eleven, as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them who had seen Him after He had risen. And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe: in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues: they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then, after the Lord had spoken unto them, He was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.

PSALM XXI.

THE king shall joy in Thy strength, O Lord; and in Thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!

2. Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withholden the request of his lips.

3. For Thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness: Thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head.

4. He asked life of Thee, and Thou gavest it him, even length of days for ever and ever.

5. His glory is great in Thy salvation; honor and majesty hast Thou laid upon him.

6. For Thou hast made him most blessed for ever: Thou hast made him exceeding glad with Thy countenance.

7. For the king trusteth in the Lord, and through the mercy of the Most High he shall not be moved.

8. Thine hand shall find out all Thine enemies: Thy right hand shall find out those that hate Thee.

9. Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven in the time of Thine anger: the Lord shall swallow them up in His wrath, and the fire shall devour them.

10. Their fruit shalt Thou destroy from the earth, and their seed from among the children of men.

11. For they intended evil against Thee: they imagined a mischievous device, which they are not able to perform.

12. Therefore shalt Thou make them turn their back, when Thou shalt make ready Thine arrows upon Thy strings against the face of them.

13. Be Thou exalted, Lord, in Thine own strength: so will we sing and praise Thy power.

PSALM XXIV.

THE earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

2. For He hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

3. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? and who shall stand in His holy place?

4. He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

5. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6. This is the generation of them that seek Him, that seek thy face, O Jacob.

7. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

8. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

9. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

10. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe Thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with Him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM XXX.

I WILL extol Thee, O Lord; for Thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.

2. O Lord my God, I cried unto Thee, and Thou hast healed me.

3. O Lord, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: Thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

4. Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness.

5. For His anger endureth but a moment; in his favor is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

6. And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved.

7. Lord, by Thy favor Thou hast made my mountain to stand strong: Thou didst hide Thy face, and I was troubled.

8. I cried to Thee, O Lord; and unto the Lord I made supplication.

9. What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to the pit? Shall the dust praise Thee? shall it declare Thy truth?

10. Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me: Lord, be Thou my helper.

11. Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: Thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness;

12. To the end that my glory may sing praise to Thee, and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks unto Thee for ever.

PSALM XLVII.

O CLAP your hands, all ye people, shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

2. For the Lord Most High is terrible; He is a great King over all the earth.

3. He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet.

4. He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom He loved.

5. God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

6. Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

7. For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.

8. God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of His holiness.

9. The princes of the people are gathered together, even the people of the God of Abraham: for the shields of the earth belong unto God: He is greatly exalted.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION-DAY.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—1 St. Peter iv. 7.

THE end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. And, above all things, have fervent charity among yourselves; for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. Use hospitality one to another without grudging. As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God: if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ: to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

THE GOSPEL.—St. John xv. 26, and part of the 16th Chapter.

WHEN the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, who proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of me. And ye also shall bear witness; because ye have been with me from the beginning. These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me: but these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them.

PSALM CXVIII.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: because His mercy endureth for ever.

2. Let Israel now say, that His mercy endureth for ever.

3. Let the house of Aaron now say, that His mercy endureth for ever.

4. Let them now that fear the Lord say, that His mercy endureth for ever.

5. I called upon the Lord in distress: the Lord answered me, and set me in a large place.

6. The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?

7. The Lord taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me.

8. It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.

9. It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.

10. All nations compassed me about: but in the name of the Lord will I destroy them.

11. They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about: but in the name of the Lord I will destroy them.

12. They compassed me about like bees; they are quenched as the fire of thorns: for in the name of the Lord I will destroy them.

13. Thou hast thrust sore at me that I might fall: but the Lord helped me.

14. The Lord is my strength and song, and is become my salvation.

15. The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly.

16. The right hand of the Lord is exalted: the right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly.

17. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

18. The Lord hath chastened me sore: but He hath not given me over unto death.

19. Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord:

20. This gate of the Lord, into which the righteous shall enter.

21. I will praise Thee: for Thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.

22. The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.

23. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

24. This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25. Save now, I beseech Thee, O Lord: O Lord, I beseech Thee, send now prosperity.

26. Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord: we have blessed you out of the house of the Lord.

27. God is the Lord, who hath shewed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.

28. Thou art my God, and I will praise Thee: Thou art my God, I will exalt Thee.

29. O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

O GOD, the King of glory, who hast exalted Thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto Thy kingdom in heaven, we beseech Thee leave us not comfortless, but send to us Thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM XCII.

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy name, O Most High:

2. To shew forth Thy loving-kindness in the morning, and Thy faithfulness every night,

3. Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery; upon the harp with a solemn sound.

4. For Thou, Lord, hast made me glad through Thy work: I will triumph in the works of Thy hands.

5. O Lord, how great are Thy works! and Thy thoughts are very deep.

6. A brutish man knoweth not; neither doth a fool understand this.

7. When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; it is that they shall be destroyed for ever;

8. But Thou, Lord, art most high for evermore.

9. For lo, Thine enemies, O Lord, for lo, Thine enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

10. But my horn shalt Thou exalt like the horn of a unicorn; I shall be anointed with fresh oil.

11. Mine eye also shall see my desire on mine enemies, and mine ears shall hear my desire of the wicked that rise up against me.

12. The righteous shall flourish like the palm-tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

13. Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

14. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;

15. To shew that the Lord is upright: He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

PSALM CX.

THE Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

2. The Lord shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

3. Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.

4. The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

5. The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of His wrath.

6. He shall judge among the heathen, He shall fill the places with the dead bodies; He shall wound the heads over many countries.

7. He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall He lift up the head.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

WHIT-SUNDAY.

MORNING.

FOR THE EPISTLE.—Acts ii. 1.

WHEN the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place: and suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues, like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them: and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. And they were all amazed, and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these who speak, Galileans? and how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

THE GOSPEL.—St. John xiv. 22.

JUDAS saith unto Him (not Iscariot,) Lord, how is it that Thou wilt manifest Thyself unto us, and not unto the world? Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my

words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not, keepeth not my sayings, and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's who sent me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, who is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe. Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me. But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do.

PSALM LXVIII.

LET God arise, let His enemies be scattered: let them also that hate Him flee before Him.

2. As smoke is driven away, so drive them away: as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3. But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice.

4. Sing unto God, sing praises to His name; extol Him that rideth upon the heavens by His name JAH, and rejoice before Him.

5. A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in His holy habitation.

6. God setteth the solitary in families: He bringeth out those who are bound with chains: but the rebellious dwell in a dry land.

7. O God, when Thou wentest forth before Thy people, when Thou didst march through the wilderness;

8. The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9. Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain, whereby Thou didst confirm Thine inheritance, when it was weary.

10. Thy congregation hath dwelt therein: Thou, O God, hast prepared of Thy goodness for the poor.

11. The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it.

12. Kings of armies did flee apace: and she that tarried at home divided the spoil.

13. Though ye have lain among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold.

14. When the Almighty scattered kings in it, it was white as snow in Salmon.

15. The hill of God is as the hill of Bashan; a high hill as the hill of Bashan.

16. Why leap ye, ye high hills? this is the hill which God desireth to dwell in; yea, the Lord will dwell in it for ever.

17. The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place.

18. Thou hast ascended on high, Thou hast led captivity captive: Thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the Lord God might dwell among them.

19. Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation.

20. He that is our God is the God of salvation; and unto God the Lord belong the issues from death.

21. But God shall wound the head of His enemies, and the hairy scalp of such a one as goeth on still in his trespasses.

22. The Lord said, I will bring again from Bashan, I will bring my people again from the depths of the sea:

23. That Thy foot may be dipped in the blood of Thine enemies, and the tongue of Thy dogs in the same.

24. They have seen Thy goings, O God; even the goings of my God, my King, in the sanctuary.

25. The singers went before, the players on instruments followed after; among them were the damsels playing with timbrels.

26. Bless ye God in the congregations, even the Lord, from the fountain of Israel.

27. There is little Benjamin with their ruler, the princes of Judah and their council, the princes of Zebulun, and the princes of Naphtali.

28. Thy God hath commanded thy strength: strengthen, O God, that which Thou hast wrought for us.

29. Because of Thy temple at Jerusalem shall kings bring presents unto Thee.

30. Rebuke the company of spearmen, the multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the people, till every one submit himself with pieces of silver: scatter Thou the people that delight in war.

31. Princes shall come out of Egypt; Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.

32. Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth; O sing praises unto the Lord;

33. To Him that rideth upon the heavens of heavens, which were of old; lo, He doth send out His voice, and that a mighty voice.

34. Ascribe ye strength unto God: His excellency is over Israel, and His strength is in the clouds.

35. O God, Thou art terrible out of Thy holy places: the God of Israel is He that giveth strength and power unto His people. Blessed be God.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

O GOD, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of Thy Holy Spirit, grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort, through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM CIV.

BLESS the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, Thou art very great; Thou art clothed with honor and majesty:

2. Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment; who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:

3. Who layeth the beams of His chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds His chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind:

4. Who maketh His angels spirits; His ministers a flaming fire:

5. Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.

6. Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.

7. At Thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of Thy thunder they hasted away.

8. They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which Thou hast founded for them.

9. Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth.

10. He sendeth the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills.

11. They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild asses quench their thirst.

12. By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, which sing among the branches.

13. He watereth the hills from His chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of Thy works.

14. He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth;

15. And wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's heart.

16. The trees of the Lord are full of sap; the cedars of Lebanon, which He hath planted;

17. Where the birds make their nests: as for the stork, the fir trees are her house.

18. The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats; and the rocks for the conies.

19. He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down.

20. Thou makest darkness, and it is night: wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth.

21. The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God.

22. The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together, and lay them down in their dens.

23. Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labor until the evening.

24. O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! in wisdom hast Thou made them all: the earth is full of Thy riches.

25. So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

26. There go the ships: there is that leviathan, whom Thou hast made to play therein.

27. These wait all upon Thee: that Thou mayest give them their meat in due season.

28. That Thou givest them they gather: Thou openest Thine hand, they are filled with good.

29. Thou hidest Thy face, they are troubled: Thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.

30. Thou sendest forth Thy Spirit, they are created: and Thou renewest the face of the earth.

31. The glory of the Lord shall endure for ever: the Lord shall rejoice in His works.

32. He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: He toucheth the hills, and they smoke.

33. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

34. My meditation of Him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the Lord.

35. Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless thou the Lord, O my soul. Praise ye the Lord.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

MONDAY IN WHITSUN-WEEK.

FOR THE EPISTLE.—Acts x. 34.

THEN Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons; but in every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him. The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all); that word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost, and with power; who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him. And we are witnesses of all things which He did, both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem: whom they slew, and hanged on a tree. Him God raised up the third day, and shewed Him openly; not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with Him after He rose from the dead. And He commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead. To Him give all the prophets witness, that, through His name, whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins. While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them who heard the word. And they of the circumcision, who believed, were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, Can any man forbid water that these should not be baptized, who have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

THE GOSPEL.—St. John iii. 16.

GOD so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He that believeth on Him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only-begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

PSALM XLVIII.

GREAT is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness.

2. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

3. God is known in her palaces for a refuge.

4. For lo, the kings were assembled, they passed by together.

5. They saw it, and so they marvelled; they were troubled, and hasted away.

6. Fear took hold upon them there, and pain, as of a woman in travail.

7. Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with an east wind.

8. As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it for ever.

9. We have thought of Thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of Thy temple.

10. According to Thy name, O God, so is Thy praise unto the ends of the earth: Thy right hand is full of righteousness.

11. Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of Thy judgments.

12. Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.

13. Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following.

14. For this God is our God for ever and ever: He will be our guide even unto death.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY God, we praise Thee for the gift of the Holy Ghost. May our bodies be the temples of His continual abode. May we walk, not according to the course of this world, according to the spirit that worketh in the children of disobedience; but, as the children of God, may we be led by the Spirit of God. May we not resist or grieve Thy Holy Spirit, but in all things obey His godly motions, to Thy glory, and to our comfort and salvation. May our understanding be enlightened, our hearts be sanctified, and our wills be subdued, according to the working of His mighty power. All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY IN WHITSUN-WEEK.

FOR THE EPISTLE.—Acts viii. 14.

WHEN the apostles, who were at Jerusalem, heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John; who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (for as yet He was fallen upon none of them; only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus:) then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

THE GOSPEL.—St. John x. 1.

VERILY, verily, I say unto you, he that entereth not by the door into the sheep-fold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him; for they know his voice: and a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him; for they know not the voice of strangers. This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which He spake unto them. Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the Door of the sheep: all that ever came before me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not hear them. I am the Door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

PSALM CXLV.

I WILL extol Thee, my God, O King; and I will bless Thy name for ever and ever.

2. Every day will I bless Thee; and I will praise Thy name for ever and ever.

3. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable.

4. One generation shall praise Thy works to another, and shall declare Thy mighty acts.

5. I will speak of the glorious honor of Thy majesty, and of Thy wondrous works.

6. And men shall speak of the might of Thy terrible acts: and I will declare Thy greatness.

7. They shall abundantly utter the memory of Thy great goodness, and shall sing of Thy righteousness.

8. The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

9. The Lord is good to all: and His tender mercies are over all His works.

10. All Thy works shall praise Thee, O Lord; and Thy saints shall bless Thee.

11. They shall speak of the glory of Thy kingdom, and talk of Thy power;

12. To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of His kingdom.

13. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

14. The Lord upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.

15. The eyes of all wait upon Thee; and Thou givest them their meat in due season.

16. Thou openest Thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

17. The Lord is righteous in all His ways, and holy in all His works.

18. The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth.

19. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear Him: He also will hear their cry, and will save them.

20. The Lord preserveth all them that love Him: but all the wicked will He destroy.

21. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh bless His holy name for ever and ever.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech Thee to pour out abundantly of Thy Holy Spirit upon the world at large. May Thy Gospel

be spread far and wide. May Thy power be felt in awakening and saving souls. And may there be added to Thy Church daily such as shall be saved. O Lord, revive Thy work; and let Thy life-giving power be felt among us. Grant this, gracious Lord, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

TRINITY SUNDAY.

MORNING.

FOR THE EPISTLE.—Rev. iv. 1.

AFTER this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet, talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter. And immediately I was in the Spirit; and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne: and He that sat was, to look upon, like a jasper and a sardine-stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald. And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold; and out of the throne proceeded lightnings, and thunderings, and voices. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven spirits of God. And before the throne there was a sea of glass, like unto crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts, full of eyes before and behind: and the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle. And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come. And when those beasts give glory, and honor, and thanks, to Him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, the four and twenty elders fall down before Him that sat on the throne, and worship Him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory, and honor, and power; for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created.

THE GOSPEL.—St. John iii. 1.

THERE was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: the same came to Jesus by night, and said unto Him, Rabbi, we know that Thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that Thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto Him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water, and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh, is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit, is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto Thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit. Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be? Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe if I tell you of heavenly things? And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but He that came down from heaven, even the Son of Man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

PSALM IX.

I WILL praise Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all Thy marvellous works.

2. I will be glad and rejoice in Thee: I will sing praise to Thy name, O Thou Most High.

3. When mine enemies are turned back, they shall fall and perish at Thy presence.

4. For Thou hast maintained my right and my cause; Thou satest in the throne judging right.

5. Thou hast rebuked the heathen, Thou hast destroyed the wicked, Thou hast put out their name for ever and ever.

6. O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end: and thou hast destroyed cities; their memorial is perished with them.

7. But the Lord shall endure for ever: He hath prepared His throne for judgment.

8. And He shall judge the world in righteousness, He shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.

9. The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

10. And they that know Thy name will put their trust in Thee: for Thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek Thee.

11. Sing praises to the Lord, who dwelleth in Zion: declare among the people His doings.

12. When He maketh inquisition for blood, He remembereth them; He forgetteth not the cry of the humble.

13. Have mercy upon me, O Lord; consider my trouble which I suffer of them that hate me, Thou that liftest me up from the gates of death:

14. That I may shew forth all Thy praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion: I will rejoice in Thy salvation.

15. The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made: in the net which they hid is their own foot taken.

16. The Lord is known by the judgment which He executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands.

17. The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.

18. For the needy shall not always be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall not perish for ever.

19. Arise, O Lord: let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged in Thy sight.

20. Put them in fear, O Lord: that the nations may know themselves to be but men.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast given unto us Thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge

the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the divine Majesty to worship the Unity, we beseech Thee that Thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM XXXIV.

I WILL bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

2. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

3. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

4. I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

5. They looked unto Him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

6. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard Him: and saved him out of all his troubles.

7. The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them.

8. O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.

9. O fear the Lord, ye His saints: for there is no want to them that fear Him.

10. The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

11. Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

12. What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good?

13. Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

14. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

15. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears are open unto their cry.

16. The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

17. The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

18. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart: and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

19. Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

20. He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.

21. Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

22. The Lord redeemeth the soul of His servants: and none of them that trust in Him shall be desolate.

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THE COLLECT.

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—1 John iv. 7.

BELOVED, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only-begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the

Propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and His love is perfected in us. Hereby know we that we dwell in Him, and He in us; because He hath given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and do testify, that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear; because fear hath torment: he that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love Him, because He first loved us. If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother, whom he hath seen, how can he love God, whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from Him, that he who loveth God love his brother also.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Luke xvi. 19.

THERE was a certain rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day. And there was a certain beggar, named Lazarus, who was laid at his gate full of sores, and desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried: and in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried, and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy life-time receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they who would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us that would come from thence. Then he said, I pray thee, therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house; for I have five brethren;

that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham; but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

PSALM III.

LORD, how are they increased that trouble me! many are they that rise up against me.

2. Many there be who say of my soul, There is no help for him in God.

3. But Thou, O Lord, art a shield for me: my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.

4. I cried unto the Lord with my voice, and He heard me out of His holy hill.

5. I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the Lord sustained me.

6. I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set themselves against me round about.

7. Arise, O Lord; save me, O my God: for Thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheek bone; Thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.

8. Salvation belongeth unto the Lord: Thy blessing is upon Thy people.

PSALM IV.

HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness: Thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

2. O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame? how long will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing?

3. But know that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for Himself: the Lord will hear when I call unto Him.

4. Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.

5. Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord.

6. There be many that say, Who will shew us any good? Lord, lift Thou up the light of Thy countenance upon us.

7. Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased.

8. I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for Thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.

PSALM V.

GIVE ear to my words, O Lord; consider my meditation.

2. Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto Thee will I pray.

3. My voice shalt Thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee, and will look up.

4. For Thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with Thee.

5. The foolish shall not stand in Thy sight: Thou hatest all workers of iniquity.

6. Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing: the Lord will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.

7. But as for me, I will come into Thy house in the multitude of Thy mercy: and in Thy fear will I worship toward Thy holy temple.

8. Lead me, O Lord, in Thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make Thy way straight before my face.

9. For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is very wickedness; their throat is an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue.

10. Destroy Thou them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have rebelled against Thee.

11. But let all those that put their trust in Thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because Thou defendest them: let them also that love Thy name be joyful in Thee.

12. For Thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous; with favor wilt Thou compass him as with a shield.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

O GOD, the Strength of all those who put their trust in Thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and because, through the weak-

ness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without Thee, grant us the help of Thy grace, that, in keeping Thy commandments, we may please Thee, both in will and deed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM VII.

O LORD my God, in Thee do I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me:

2. Lest he tear my soul like a lion, rending it in pieces, while there is none to deliver.

3. O Lord my God, if I have done this; if there be iniquity in my hands;

4. If I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace with me; (yea, I have delivered him that without cause is mine enemy;)

5. Let the enemy persecute my soul, and take it; yea, let him tread down my life upon the earth, and lay mine honor in the dust.

6. Arise, O Lord, in Thine anger, lift up Thyself because of the rage of mine enemies: and awake for me to the judgment that Thou hast commanded.

7. So shall the congregation of the people compass Thee about: for their sakes therefore return Thou on high.

8. The Lord shall judge the people: judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness, and according to mine integrity that is in me.

9. Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins.

10. My defence is of God, who saveth the upright in heart.

11. God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.

12. If he turn not, He will whet His sword; He hath bent His bow, and made it ready.

13. He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death; He ordaineth His arrows against the persecutors.

14. Behold, He travaileth with iniquity, and hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood.

15. He made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch which he made.

16. His mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate.

17. I will praise the Lord according to His righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the Lord most High.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—1 John iii. 13.

MARVEL not, my brethren, if the world hate you. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother, is a murderer; and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed, and in truth. And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. Beloved, if our heart

condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. And this is His commandment, That we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as He gave us commandment. And he that keepeth His commandments dwelleth in Him, and He in him: and hereby we know that He abideth in us, by the Spirit which He hath given us.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Luke xiv. 16.

A CERTAIN man made a great supper, and bade many; and sent his servant at supper-time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. And they all with one consent began to make excuse: the first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it; I pray thee have me excused: and another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them; I pray thee have me excused: and another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. So that servant came, and showed his lord these things. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled; for I say unto you, that none of those men who were bidden shall taste of my supper.

PSALM X.

WHY standest Thou afar off, O Lord? why hidest Thou Thyself in times of trouble?

2. The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.

3. For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, whom the Lord abhorreth.

4. The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.

5. His ways are always grievous; Thy judgments are far above out of his sight: as for all his enemies, he puffeth at them.

6. He hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved: for I shall never be in adversity.

7. His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue is mischief and vanity.

8. He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages: in the secret places doth he murder the innocent: his eyes are privily set against the poor.

9. He lieth in wait secretly as a lion in his den: he lieth in wait to catch the poor: he doth catch the poor when he draweth him into his net.

10. He croucheth, and humbleth himself, that the poor may fall by his strong ones.

11. He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten: He hideth his face; He will never see it.

12. Arise, O Lord; O God, lift up Thine hand: forget not the humble.

13. Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God? he hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not require it.

14. Thou hast seen it; for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite it with Thy hand: the poor committeth himself unto Thee; Thou art the helper of the fatherless.

15. Break Thou the arm of the wicked and the evil man: seek out his wickedness till Thou find none.

16. The Lord is King for ever and ever: the heathen are perished out of His land.

17. Lord, Thou hast heard the desire of the humble: Thou wilt prepare their heart, Thou wilt cause Thine ear to hear:

18. To judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppress.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

O LORD, who never failest to help and govern those whom Thou dost bring up in Thy steadfast fear and love, keep us, we beseech Thee, under the protection of Thy good providence, and make

us to have a perpetual fear and love of Thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM XI.

IN the Lord put I my trust: how say ye to my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain?

2. For lo, the wicked bend their bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart.

3. If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?

4. The Lord is in His holy temple, the Lord's throne is in heaven: His eyes behold, His eyelids try, the children of men.

5. The Lord trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence His soul hateth.

6. Upon the wicked He shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and a horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup.

7. For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness; His countenance doth behold the upright.

PSALM XII.

HELP, Lord; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men.

2. They speak vanity every one with his neighbor: with flattering lips and with a double heart do they speak.

3. The Lord shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things:

4. Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; our lips are our own: who is lord over us?

5. For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the Lord; I will set him in safety from him that puffeth at him.

6. The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

7. Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, Thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

8. The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted.

PSALM XIII.

HOW long wilt Thou forget me, O Lord? for ever? how long wilt Thou hide Thy face from me?

2. How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart daily? how long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?

3. Consider and hear me, O Lord my God; lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death;

4. Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him; and those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved.

5. But I have trusted in Thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in Thy salvation.

6. I will sing unto the Lord, because He hath dealt bountifully with me.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—1 Peter v. 5.

ALL of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time; casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your

adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist, steadfast in the faith; knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered awhile, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Luke xv. 1.

THEN drew near unto Him all the publicans and sinners for to hear Him. And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them. And He spake this parable unto them, saying, What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbors, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost. I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons who need no repentance. Either what woman, having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it? And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbors together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost. Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

PSALM XIV.

THE fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.

2. The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God.

3. They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

4. Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread, and call not upon the Lord.

5. There were they in great fear: for God is in the generation of the righteous.

6. Ye have shamed the counsel of the poor, because the Lord is his refuge.

7. Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! when the Lord bringeth back the captivity of His people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

PSALM CXX.

IN my distress I cried unto the Lord, and He heard me.

2. Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue.

3. What shall be given unto thee? or what shall be done unto thee, thou false tongue?

4. Sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals of juniper.

5. Woe is me, that I sojourn in Mesech, that I dwell in the tents of Kedar!

6. My soul hath long dwelt with him that hateth peace.

7. I am for peace: but when I speak, they are for war.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

O LORD, we beseech Thee mercifully to hear us, and grant that we, to whom Thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may, by Thy mighty aid, be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM XVII.

HEAR the right, O Lord, attend unto my cry; give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips.

2. Let my sentence come forth from Thy presence: let Thine eyes behold the things that are equal.

3. Thou hast proved mine heart; Thou hast visited me in the

night; Thou hast tried me, and shalt find nothing: I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.

4. Concerning the works of men, by the word of Thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer.

5. Hold up my goings in Thy paths, that my footsteps slip not.

6. I have called upon Thee, for Thou wilt hear me, O God: incline Thine ear unto me, and hear my speech.

7. Shew Thy marvellous loving-kindness, O Thou that savest by Thy right hand them who put their trust in Thee from those that rise up against them.

8. Keep me as the apple of the eye: hide me under the shadow of Thy wings,

9. From the wicked that oppress me, from my deadly enemies, who compass me about.

10. They are inclosed in their own fat: with their mouth they speak proudly.

11. They have now compassed us in our steps: they have set their eyes bowing down to the earth;

12. Like as a lion that is greedy of his prey, and as it were a young lion lurking in secret places.

13. Arise, O Lord, disappoint him, cast him down, deliver my soul from the wicked, who are Thy sword:

14. From men who are Thy hand, O Lord, from men of the world, who have their portion in this life, and whose belly Thou fillest with Thy hid treasure: they are full of children, and leave the rest of their substance to their babes.

15. As for me, I will behold Thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with Thy likeness.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—Rom. viii. 18.

I RECKON that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of Him who hath subjected the same in hope; because the creature itself, also, shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption, into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now; and not only they, but ourselves also, who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Luke vi. 36.

BE ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal, it shall be measured to you again. And he spake a parable unto them: Can the blind lead the blind? Shall they not both fall into the ditch? The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that

is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye.

PSALM XCI.

HE that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust.

3. Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

4. He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: His truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

5. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

6. Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

7. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

8. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

9. Because thou hast made the Lord who is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation;

10. There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11. For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

12. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

13. Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

14. Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

15. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him.

16. With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

O GOD, the Protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy, that, Thou being our Ruler and Guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM XLVIII.

GREAT is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness.

2. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

3. God is known in her palaces for a refuge.

4. For lo, the kings were assembled, they passed by together.

5. They saw it, and so they marvelled; they were troubled, and hasted away.

6. Fear took hold upon them there, and pain, as of a woman in travail.

7. Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with an east wind.

8. As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it for ever.

9. We have thought of Thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of Thy temple.

10. According to Thy name, O God, so is Thy praise unto the ends of the earth: Thy right hand is full of righteousness.

11. Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of Thy judgments.

12. Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.

13. Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following.

14. For this God is our God for ever and ever: He will be our guide even unto death.

PSALM XCIX.

THE Lord reigneth; let the people tremble: He sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth be moved.

2. The Lord is great in Zion; and He is high above all people.

3. Let them praise Thy great and terrible name; for it is holy.

4. The king's strength also loveth judgment; Thou dost establish equity, Thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob.

5. Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool; for He is holy.

6. Moses and Aaron among His priests, and Samuel among them that call upon His name; they called upon the Lord, and He answered them.

7. He spake unto them in the cloudy pillar: they kept His testimonies, and the ordinance that He gave them.

8. Thou answeredst them, O Lord our God; Thou wast a God that forgavest them, though Thou tookest vengeance of their inventions.

9. Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His holy hill; for the Lord our God is holy.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—1 St. Peter iii. 8.

BE ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another: love as brethren; be pitiful, be courteous; not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing; but contrariwise, blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it: for the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil. And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good? But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; but sanctify the Lord God in your hearts.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Luke v. 1.

IT came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon Him to hear the word of God, He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two ships standing by the lake; but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets. And He entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land: and He sat down, and taught the people out of the ship. Now, when He had left speaking, He said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering, said unto Him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing; nevertheless, at Thy word, I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes, and their net brake. And they beckoned unto their partners, who were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken: and so was also James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon,

Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men. And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed Him.

PSALM XXV.

UNTO Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

2. O my God, I trust in Thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.

3. Yea, let none that wait on Thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed who transgress without cause.

4. Shew me Thy ways, O Lord; teach me Thy paths.

5. Lead me in Thy truth, and teach me: for Thou art the God of my salvation; on Thee do I wait all the day.

6. Remember, O Lord, Thy tender mercies and Thy loving-kindnesses; for they have been ever of old.

7. Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to Thy mercy remember Thou me for Thy goodness' sake, O Lord.

8. Good and upright is the Lord: therefore will He teach sinners in the way.

9. The meek will He guide in judgment: and the meek will He teach His way.

10. All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.

11. For Thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great.

12. What man is he that feareth the Lord? him shall He teach in the way that he shall choose.

13. His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth.

14. The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him; and He will shew them His covenant.

15. Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord; for He shall pluck my feet out of the net.

16. Turn Thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate and afflicted.

17. The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring Thou me out of my distresses.

18. Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins.

19. Consider mine enemies; for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred.

20. O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in Thee.

21. Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on Thee.

22. Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Thy governance, that Thy Church may joyfully serve Thee in all godly quietness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM XXVI.

JUDGE me, O Lord: for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the Lord; therefore I shall not slide.

2. Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try my reins and my heart.

3. For Thy loving-kindness is before mine eyes: and I have walked in Thy truth.

4. I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers.

5. I have hated the congregation of evil doers; and will not sit with the wicked.

6. I will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass Thine altar, O Lord:

7. That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all Thy wondrous works.

8. Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house, and the place where Thine honor dwelleth.

9. Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men:

10. In whose hands is mischief, and their right hand is full of bribes.

11. But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: redeem me, and be merciful unto me.

12. My foot standeth in an even place: in the congregations will I bless the Lord.

PSALM XXVIII.

UNTO Thee will I cry, O Lord my rock; be not silent to me: lest, if Thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.

2. Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto Thee, when I lift up my hands toward Thy holy oracle.

3. Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity, who speak peace to their neighbors; but mischief is in their hearts.

4. Give them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their endeavors: give them after the work of their hands; render to them their desert.

5. Because they regard not the works of the Lord, nor the operation of His hands, He shall destroy them, and not build them up.

6. Blessed be the Lord, because He hath heard the voice of my supplications.

7. The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise Him.

8. The Lord is their strength, and He is the saving strength of His anointed.

9. Save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up for ever.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou

that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—Rom. vi. 3.

KNOW ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death? Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection: knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For He that is dead is freed from sin. Now, if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him; knowing that Christ, being raised from the dead, dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over Him. For in that He died, He died unto sin once; but in that He liveth, He liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Matt. v. 20.

JESUS said unto His disciples, Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven. Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill, shall be in danger of the judgment. But I say unto you, that whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause, shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell-fire. Therefore, if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against

thee, leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. Agree with thine adversary quickly, while thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison. Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.

PSALM XXXI.

IN Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in Thy righteousness.

2. Bow down Thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be Thou my strong rock, for a house of defence to save me.

3. For Thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for Thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.

4. Pull me out of the net that they have laid privily for me: for Thou art my strength.

5. Into Thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

6. I have hated them that regard lying vanities: but I trust in the Lord.

7. I will be glad and rejoice in Thy mercy: for Thou hast considered my trouble; thou hast known my soul in adversities;

8. And hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy: Thou hast set my foot in a large room.

9. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble: mine eye is consumed with grief, yea, my soul and my belly.

10. For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing: my strength faileth because of mine iniquity, and my bones are consumed.

11. I was a reproach among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbors, and a fear to mine acquaintance: they that did see me without fled from me.

12. I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind: I am like a broken vessel.

13. For I have heard the slander of many: fear was on every side: while they took counsel together against me, they devised to take away my life.

14. But I trusted in Thee, O Lord: I said, Thou art my God.

15. My times are in Thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me.

16. Make Thy face to shine upon Thy servant: save me for Thy mercies' sake.

17. Let me not be ashamed, O Lord; for I have called upon Thee; let the wicked be ashamed, and let them be silent in the grave.

18. Let the lying lips be put to silence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous.

19. Oh how great is Thy goodness, which Thou hast laid up for them that fear Thee; which Thou hast wrought for them that trust in Thee before the sons of men!

20. Thou shalt hide them in the secret of Thy presence from the pride of man: Thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

21. Blessed be the Lord: for He hath shewed me His marvellous kindness in a strong city.

22. For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before Thine eyes: nevertheless Thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto Thee.

23. O love the Lord, all ye His saints: for the Lord preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.

24. Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

O GOD, who hast prepared for those who love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding, pour into our hearts such love toward Thee, that we, loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM XXXV.

PLEAD my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me.

2. Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for mine help.

3. Draw out also the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me: say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.

4. Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul: let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise my hurt.

5. Let them be as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of the Lord chase them.

6. Let their way be dark and slippery: and let the angel of the Lord persecute them.

7. For without cause have they hid for me their net in a pit, which without cause they have digged for my soul.

8. Let destruction come upon him at unawares; and let his net that he hath hid catch himself: into that very destruction let him fall.

9. And my soul shall be joyful in the Lord: it shall rejoice in His salvation.

10. All my bones shall say, Lord, who is like unto Thee, who deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him, yea, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth him?

11. False witnesses did rise up; they laid to my charge things that I knew not.

12. They rewarded me evil for good to the spoiling of my soul.

13. But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom.

14. I behaved myself as though he had been my friend or brother: I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth for his mother.

15. But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together: yea, the abjects gathered themselves together against me, and I knew it not; they did tear me, and ceased not:

16. With hypocritical mockers in feasts, they gnashed upon me with their teeth.

17. Lord, how long wilt Thou look on? rescue my soul from their destructions, my darling from the lions.

18. I will give Thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise Thee among much people.

19. Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: neither let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause.

20. For they speak not peace: but they devise deceitful matters against them that are quiet in the land.

21. Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me, and said, Aha, aha, our eye hath seen it.

22. This Thou hast seen, O Lord: keep not silence: O Lord, be not far from me.

23. Stir up Thyself and awake to my judgment, even unto my cause, my God and my Lord.

24. Judge me, O Lord my God, according to Thy righteousness; and let them not rejoice over me.

25. Let them not say in their hearts, Ah, so would we have it: let them not say, We have swallowed him up.

26. Let them be ashamed and brought to confusion together that rejoice at mine hurt: let them be clothed with shame and dishonor that magnify themselves against me.

27. Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favor my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the Lord be magnified, who hath pleasure in the prosperity of His servant.

28. And my tongue shall speak of Thy righteousness and of Thy praise all the day long.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—Rom. vi. 19.

I SPEAK after the manner of men, because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness, and to iniquity unto iniquity, even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. But now, being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death: but the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Mark viii. 1.

IN those days, the multitude being very great, and having nothing to eat, Jesus called His disciples unto Him, and saith unto them, I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now been with me three days, and have nothing to eat: and if I send them away fasting to their own houses, they will faint by the way; for divers of them came from far. And His disciples answered Him, From whence can a man satisfy these men with bread here in the wilderness? And He asked them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven. And He commanded the people to sit down on the ground: and He took the seven loaves, and gave thanks, and brake, and gave to His disciples to set before them; and they did set them before the people. And they had a few small fishes; and He blessed, and commanded to set them also before them. So they did eat, and were filled; and they took up of the broken meat that was left, seven baskets. And they that had eaten were about four thousand. And He sent them away.

PSALM XXXVII.

FRET not thyself because of evil doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.

2. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.

3. Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

4. Delight thyself also in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

5. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass.

6. And He shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.

7. Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

8. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

9. For evil doers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth.

10. For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.

11. But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

12. The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.

13. The Lord shall laugh at him: for He seeth that his day is coming.

14. The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as be of upright conversation.

15. Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.

16. A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked.

17. For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the Lord upholdeth the righteous.

18. The Lord knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever.

19. They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

20. But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the Lord shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away.

21. The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth.

22. For such as be blessed of Him shall inherit the earth; and they that be cursed of Him shall be cut off.

23. The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way.

24. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the Lord upholdeth him with His hand.

25. I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

26. He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed.

27. Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore.

28. For the Lord loveth judgment, and forsaketh not His saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

29. The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever.

30. The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment.

31. The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.

32. The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him.

33. The Lord will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.

34. Wait on the Lord, and keep His way, and He shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.

35. I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay-tree.

36. Yet he passed away, and lo, he was not: yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.

37. Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.

38. But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off.

39. But the salvation of the righteous is of the Lord: He is their strength in the time of trouble.

40. And the Lord shall help them, and deliver them: He shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in Him.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

LORD of all power and might, who art the Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of Thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM XXXIX.

I SAID, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me.

2. I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, even from good; and my sorrow was stirred.

3. My heart was hot within me; while I was musing the fire burned: then spake I with my tongue.

4. Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am.

5. Behold, Thou hast made my days as a hand-breadth; and mine age is as nothing before Thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity.

6. Surely every man walketh in a vain shew: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them.

7. And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in Thee.

8. Deliver me from all my transgressions: make me not the reproach of the foolish.

9. I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because Thou didst it.

10. Remove Thy stroke away from me: I am consumed by the blow of Thine hand.

11. When Thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, Thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man is vanity.

12. Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry; hold not Thy peace at my tears: for I am a stranger with Thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

13. O spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—Rom. viii. 12.

BRETHREN, we are debtors not to the flesh, to live after the flesh; for if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die; but if ye, through the Spirit, do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear:

but ye have received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Matt. vii. 15.

BEWARE of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits: do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit; neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore, by their fruits ye shall know them. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven.

PSALM XLIX.

HEAR this, all ye people; give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world:

2. Both low and high, rich and poor, together.

3. My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.

4. I will incline mine ear to a parable: I will open my dark saying upon the harp.

5. Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil, when the iniquity of my heels shall compass me about?

6. They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;

7. None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him:

8. (For the redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceaseth for ever:)

9. That he should still live for ever, and not see corruption.

10. For he seeth that wise men die, likewise the fool and the brutish person perish, and leave their wealth to others.

11. Their inward thought is, that their houses shall continue for

ever, and their dwelling-places to all generations; they call their lands after their own names.

12. Nevertheless man being in honor abideth not: he is like the beasts that perish.

13. This their way is their folly: yet their posterity approve their sayings.

14. Like sheep they are laid in the grave; death shall feed on them; and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; and their beauty shall consume in the grave from their dwelling.

15. But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for He shall receive me.

16. Be not Thou afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased;

17. For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away: his glory shall not descend after him.

18. Though while he lived he blessed his soul, (and men will praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself,)

19. He shall go to the generation of his fathers; they shall never see light.

20. Man that is in honor, and understandeth not, is like the beasts that perish.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

O GOD, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth, we humbly beseech Thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which are profitable for us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM LII.

WHY boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty man? the goodness of God endureth continually.

2. Thy tongue deviseth mischiefs; like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.

3. Thou lovest evil more than good; and lying rather than to speak righteousness.

4. Thou lovest all devouring words, O thou deceitful tongue.

5. God shall likewise destroy thee for ever, He shall take thee away, and pluck thee out of thy dwelling-place, and root thee out of the land of the living

6. The righteous also shall see, and fear, and shall laugh at him:

7. Lo, this is the man that made not God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness.

8. But I am like a green olive-tree in the house of God: I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

9. I will praise Thee for ever, because Thou hast done it: and I will wait on Thy name; for it is good before Thy saints.

PSALM LIII.

THE fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that doeth good.

2. God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek God.

3. Every one of them is gone back: they are altogether become filthy; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

4. Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread: they have not called upon God.

5. There were they in great fear, where no fear was: for God hath scattered the bones of him that encampeth against thee: thou hast put them to shame, because God hath despised them.

6. Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! when God bringeth back the captivity of His people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,

Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—1 Cor. x. 1.

BRETHREN, I would not that ye should be ignorant how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; and did all eat the same spiritual meat, and did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. But with many of them God was not well pleased; for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them: as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand. Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents. Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall. There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will, with the temptation, also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Luke xvi. 1.

JESUS said unto His disciples, There was a certain rich man who had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods. And he called him, and said unto him How is it that I hear this of thee? Give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward. Then the steward said within himself, What shall I do? for my lord taketh away from me the stewardship: I cannot dig; to beg I am ashamed. I am resolved what to do, that when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses. So he called every one of his lord's debtors unto him, and said unto the first, How much owest thou unto my lord? And he said, An hundred measures of oil. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and sit down quickly, and write fifty. Then said he to another, And how much owest thou? And he said, An hundred measures of wheat. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and write fourscore. And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely, for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light. And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations.

PSALM LVIII.

DO ye indeed speak righteousness, O congregation? do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of men?

2. Yea, in heart ye work wickedness: ye weigh the violence of your hands in the earth.

3. The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.

4. Their poison is like the poison of a serpent: they are like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ear;

5. Which will not hearken to the voice of charmers, charming never so wisely.

6. Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth: break out the great teeth of the young lions, O Lord.

7. Let them melt away as waters which run continually; when he bendeth his bow to shoot his arrows, let them be as cut in pieces.

8. As a snail which melteth, let every one of them pass away: like the untimely birth of a woman, that they may not see the sun.

9. Before your pots can feel the thorns, He shall take them away as with a whirlwind, both living, and in His wrath.

10. The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance: he shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.

11. So that a man shall say, Verily there is a reward for the righteous: verily He is a God that judgeth in the earth.

PSALM LXI.

HEAR my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer.

2. From the end of the earth will I cry unto Thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

3. For Thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy.

4. I will abide in Thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of Thy wings.

5. For Thou, O God, hast heard my vows: Thou hast given me the heritage of those that fear Thy name.

6. Thou wilt prolong the king's life: and his years as many generations.

7. He shall abide before God for ever: O prepare mercy and truth, which may preserve him.

8. So will I sing praise unto Thy name for ever, that I may daily perform my vows.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

GRANT to us, Lord, we beseech Thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without Thee, may by Thee be enabled to live according to Thy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM LXII.

TRULY my soul waiteth upon God: from Him cometh my salvation.

2. He only is my rock and my salvation: He is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.

3. How long will ye imagine mischief against a man? ye shall be slain all of you: as a bowing wall shall ye be: and as a tottering fence.

4. They only consult to cast him down from his excellency: they delight in lies: they bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly.

5. My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from Him.

6. He only is my rock and my salvation: He is my defence; I shall not be moved.

7. In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.

8. Trust in Him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before Him: God is a refuge for us.

9. Surely men of low degree are vanity, and men of high degree are a lie: to be laid in the balance, they are altogether lighter than vanity.

10. Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

11. God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God.

12. Also unto Thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy: for Thou renderest to every man according to his work.

PSALM LXIII.

O GOD, Thou art my God; early will I seek Thee: my soul thirsteth for Thee, my flesh longeth for Thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;

2. To see Thy power and Thy glory, so as I have seen Thee in the sanctuary.

3. Because Thy loving-kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise Thee.

4. Thus will I bless Thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in Thy name.

5. My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise Thee with joyful lips:

6. When I remember Thee upon my bed, and meditate on Thee in the night watches.

7. Because Thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of Thy wings will I rejoice.

8. My soul followeth hard after Thee: Thy right hand upholdeth me.

9. But those that seek my soul to destroy it, shall go into the lower parts of the earth.

10. They shall fall by the sword: they shall be a portion for foxes.

11. But the king shall rejoice in God; every one that sweareth by Him shall glory: but the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—1 Cor. xii. 1.

CONCERNING spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led. Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed; and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by

the Holy Ghost. Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God who worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another, the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another, faith by the same Spirit; to another, the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another, the working of miracles; to another, prophecy; to another, discerning of spirits; to another, divers kinds of tongues; to another, the interpretation of tongues. But all these worketh that one and the self-same Spirit, dividing to every man severally as He will.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Luke xix. 41.

AND when He was come near, He beheld the city, and wept over it, saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, and shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee: and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation. And He went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold therein, and them that bought, saying unto them, It is written, My house is the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves. And He taught daily in the temple.

PSALM LXV.

PRAISE waiteth for Thee, O God, in Zion: and unto Thee shall the vow be performed.

2. O Thou that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come.

3. Iniquities prevail against me: as for our transgressions, Thou shalt purge them away.

4. Blessed is the man whom Thou choosest, and causest to approach unto Thee, that he may dwell in Thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of Thy house, even of Thy holy temple.

5. By terrible things in righteousness wilt Thou answer us, O God

of our salvation; who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea:

6. Who by His strength setteth fast the mountains; being girded with power:

7. Who stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.

8. They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at Thy tokens: Thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.

9. Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: Thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water: Thou preparest them corn, when Thou hast so provided for it.

10. Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: Thou settlest the furrows thereof: Thou makest it soft with showers: Thou blessest the springing thereof.

11. Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness; and Thy paths drop fatness.

12. They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills rejoice on every side.

13. The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing.

PSALM LXXV.

UNTO Thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto Thee do we give thanks; for that Thy name is near, Thy wondrous works declare.

2. When I shall receive the congregation I will judge uprightly.

3. The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved: I bear up the pillars of it.

4. I said unto the fools, Deal not foolishly: and to the wicked, Lift not up the horn:

5. Lift not up your horn on high: speak not with a stiff neck.

6. For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south.

7. But God is the judge: He putteth down one, and setteth up another.

8. For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture, and He poureth out of the same: but the

dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring them out, and drink them.

9. But I will declare for ever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

10. All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off; but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

LET Thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Thy humble servants, and, that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM LXXI.

IN Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion.

2. Deliver me in Thy righteousness, and cause me to escape: incline Thine ear unto me, and save me.

3. Be Thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: Thou hast given commandment to save me; for Thou art my rock and my fortress.

4. Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

5. For Thou art my hope, O Lord God: Thou art my trust from my youth.

6. By Thee have I been holden up from the womb: Thou art He that took me out of my mother's bowels: my praise shall be continually of Thee.

7. I am as a wonder unto many; but Thou art my strong refuge.

8. Let my mouth be filled with Thy praise and with Thy honor all the day.

9. Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.

10. For mine enemies speak against me; and they that lay wait for my soul take counsel together,

11. Saying, God hath forsaken him: persecute and take him; for there is none to deliver him.

12. O God, be not far from me: O my God, make haste for my help.

13. Let them be confounded and consumed that are adversaries to my soul; let them be covered with reproach and dishonor that seek my hurt.

14. But I will hope continually, and will yet praise Thee more and more.

15. My mouth shall shew forth Thy righteousness and Thy salvation all the day; for I know not the numbers thereof.

16. I will go in the strength of the Lord God: I will make mention of Thy righteousness, even of Thine only.

17. O God, Thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared Thy wondrous works.

18. Now also when I am old and gray-headed, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed Thy strength unto this generation, and Thy power to every one that is to come.

19. Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high, who hast done great things: O God, who is like unto Thee?

20. Thou, who hast shewed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth.

21. Thou shalt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.

22. I will also praise Thee with the psaltery, even Thy truth, O my God: unto Thee will I sing with the harp, O Thou Holy One of Israel.

23. My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto Thee; and my soul, which Thou hast redeemed.

24. My tongue also shall talk of Thy righteousness all the day long; for they are confounded, for they are brought unto shame, that seek my hurt.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—1 Cor. xv. 1.

BRETHREN, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; by which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all, that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that He was buried; and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures; and that He was seen of Cephas; then of the twelve: after that, He was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep: after that, He was seen of James; then of all the apostles: and last of all He was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am; and His grace which was bestowed upon me, was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore whether it were I or they, so we preach, and so ye believed.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Luke xviii. 9.

JESUS spake this parable unto certain who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself: God, I thank Thee that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican: I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

PSALM LXXIX.

O GOD, the heathen are come into Thine inheritance; Thy holy temple have they defiled; they have laid Jerusalem on heaps.

2. The dead bodies of Thy servants have they given to be meat unto the fowls of the heaven, the flesh of Thy saints unto the beasts of the earth.

3. Their blood have they shed like water round about Jerusalem; and there was none to bury them.

4. We are become a reproach to our neighbors, a scorn and derision to them that are round about us.

5. How long, Lord? wilt Thou be angry for ever? shall Thy jealousy burn like fire?

6. Pour out Thy wrath upon the heathen that have not known Thee, and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon Thy name.

7. For they have devoured Jacob, and laid waste his dwelling-place.

8. O remember not against us former iniquities: let Thy tender mercies speedily prevent us; for we are brought very low.

9. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy name: and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for Thy name's sake.

10. Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is their God? let Him be known among the heathen in our sight by the revenging of the blood of Thy servants which is shed.

11. Let the sighing of the prisoner come before Thee; according

to the greatness of Thy power preserve Thou those that are appointed to die;

12. And render unto our neighbors seven-fold into their bosom their reproach, wherewith they have reproached Thee, O Lord.

13. So we Thy people and sheep of Thy pasture will give Thee thanks for ever: we will shew forth Thy praise to all generations.

PSALM LXXX.

GIVE ear, O Shepherd of Israel, Thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; Thou that dwellest between the cherubims, shine forth.

2. Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh stir up Thy strength, and come and save us.

3. Turn us again, O God, and cause Thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

4. O Lord God of hosts, how long wilt Thou be angry against the prayer of Thy people?

5. Thou feedest them with the bread of tears; and givest them tears to drink in great measure.

6. Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbors: and our enemies laugh among themselves.

7. Turn us again, O God of hosts, and cause Thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

8. Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt: Thou hast cast out the heathen and planted it.

9. Thou preparedst room before it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land.

10. The hills were covered with the shadow of it, and the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedars.

11. She sent out her boughs unto the sea, and her branches unto the river.

12. Why hast Thou then broken down her hedges, so that all they who pass by the way do pluck her?

13. The boar out of the wood doth waste it, and the wild beast of the field doth devour it.

14. Return, we beseech Thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine;

15. And the vineyard which Thy right hand hath planted, and the branch that Thou madest strong for Thyself.

16. It is burnt with fire, it is cut down: they perish at the rebuke of Thy countenance.

17. Let Thy hand be upon the man of Thy right hand, upon the Son of Man whom Thou madest strong for Thyself.

18. So will not we go back from Thee: quicken us, and we will call upon Thy name.

19. Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts, cause Thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

O GOD, who declarest Thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity, mercifully grant unto us such a measure of Thy grace, that we, running the way of Thy commandments, may obtain Thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of Thy heavenly treasure, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM LXXXIII.

KEEP not Thou silence, O God: hold not Thy peace, and be not still, O God.

2. For lo, Thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate Thee have lifted up the head.

3. They have taken crafty counsel against Thy people, and consulted against Thy hidden ones.

4. They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.

5. For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against Thee:

6. The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes;

7. Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek: the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre;

8. Assur also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lot.

9. Do unto them as unto the Midianites; as to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kison:

10. Who perished at En-dor: they became as dung for the earth.

11. Make their nobles like Oreb, and like Zeeb: yea, all their princes as Zebah, and as Zalmunna:

12. Who said, Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession.

13. O my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind.

14. As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire:

15. So persecute them with Thy tempest, and make them afraid with Thy storm.

16. Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek Thy name, O Lord.

17. Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish:

18. That men may know that Thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the Most High over all the earth.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.— 2 Cor. iii. 4.

SUCH trust have we through Christ to God-ward: not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God: who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not steadfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance, which glory was to be done away; how shall not the ministration of the Spirit be rather glorious? For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Mark vii. 31.

JESUS, departing from the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, came unto the Sea of Galilee, through the midst of the coasts of Decapolis. And they bring unto Him one that is deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech Him to put His hand upon him. And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers into his ears, and He spit, and touched his tongue; and, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened. And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain. And He charged them that they should tell no man: but the more He charged them, so much the more, a great deal, they published it; and were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well; He maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.

PSALM LXXXVI.

BOW down Thine ear, O Lord, hear me: for I am poor and needy.

2. Preserve my soul: for I am holy: O Thou my God, save Thy servant that trusteth in Thee.

3. Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto Thee daily.

4. Rejoice the soul of Thy servant: for unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

5. For Thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee.

6. Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications.

7. In the day of my trouble I will call upon Thee: for Thou wilt answer me.

8. Among the gods there is none like unto Thee, O Lord; neither are there any works like unto Thy works.

9. All nations whom Thou hast made shall come and worship before Thee, O Lord; and shall glorify Thy name.

10. For Thou art great, and doest wondrous things: Thou art God alone.

11. Teach me Thy way, O Lord; I will walk in Thy truth: unite my heart to fear Thy name.

12. I will praise Thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify Thy name for evermore.

13. For great is Thy mercy toward me: and Thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.

14. O God, the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of violent men have sought after my soul; and have not set Thee before them.

15. But Thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

16. O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me: give Thy strength unto Thy servant, and save the son of Thine handmaid.

17. Shew me a token for good; that they who hate me may see it, and be ashamed: because Thou, Lord, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Thy

mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM LXXXVIII.

O LORD God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before Thee:

2. Let my prayer come before Thee: incline Thine ear unto my cry;

3. For my soul is full of troubles: and my life draweth nigh unto the grave.

4. I am counted with them that go down into the pit: I am as a man that hath no strength:

5. Free among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, whom Thou rememberest no more: and they are cut off from Thy hand.

6. Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the deeps.

7. Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, and Thou hast afflicted me with all Thy waves.

8. Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me; Thou hast made me an abomination unto them: I am shut up, and I cannot come forth.

9. Mine eye mourneth by reason of affliction: Lord, I have called daily upon Thee, I have stretched out my hands unto Thee.

10. Wilt Thou shew wonders to the dead? shall the dead arise and praise Thee?

11. Shall Thy loving-kindness be declared in the grave? or Thy faithfulness in destruction?

12. Shall Thy wonders be known in the dark? and Thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

13. But unto Thee have I cried, O Lord; and in the morning shall my prayer prevent Thee.

14. Lord, why castest Thou off my soul? why hidest Thou Thy face from me?

15. I am afflicted and ready to die from my youth up: while I suffer Thy terrors I am distracted.

16. Thy fierce wrath goeth over me; Thy terrors have cut me off.

17. They came round about me daily like water; they compassed me about together.

18. Lover and friend hast Thou put far from me, and mine acquaintance into darkness.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—Gal. iii. 16.

TO Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. And this I say, that the covenant that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect. For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise. Wherefore, then, serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made: and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator. Now a mediator is not a mediator of one; but God is one. Is the law, then, against the promises of God? God forbid; for if there had been a law given which could

have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law. But the Scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise, by faith of Jesus Christ, might be given to them that believe.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Luke x. 23.

BLESSED are the eyes which see the things that ye see: for I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them. And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted Him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said unto Him, What is written in the law? How readest thou? And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself. And He said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live. But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbor? And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine; and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow, when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbor unto him that fell among the thieves? And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

PSALM CXLI.

LORD, I cry unto Thee: make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto Thee.

2. Let my prayer be set forth before Thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

3. Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.

4. Incline not my heart to any evil thing, to practise wicked works with men that work iniquity: and let me not eat of their dainties.

5. Let the righteous smite me; it shall be a kindness: and let him reprove me; it shall be an excellent oil, which shall not break my head: for yet my prayer also shall be in their calamities.

6. When their judges are overthrown in stony places, they shall hear my words; for they are sweet.

7. Our bones are scattered at the grave's mouth, as when one cutteth and cleaveth wood upon the earth.

8. But mine eyes are unto Thee, O God the Lord: in Thee is my trust; leave not my soul destitute.

9. Keep me from the snare which they have laid for me, and the gins of the workers of iniquity.

10. Let the wicked fall into their own nets, whilst that I withal escape.

PSALM CXLII.

I CRIED unto the Lord with my voice; with my voice unto the Lord did I make my supplication.

2. I poured out my complaint before Him; I shewed before Him my trouble.

3. When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then Thou knewest my path. In the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me.

4. I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul.

5. I cried unto Thee, O Lord: I said, Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living.

6. Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low: deliver me from my persecutors; for they are stronger than I.

7. Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise Thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for Thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

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As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that Thy faithful people do unto Thee true and laudable service, grant, we beseech Thee, that we may so faithfully serve Thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain Thy heavenly promises, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM CXVI.

I LOVE the Lord, because He hath heard my voice and my supplications.

2. Because He hath inclined His ear unto me, therefore will I call upon Him as long as I live.

3. The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow.

4. Then called I upon the name of the Lord; O Lord, I beseech Thee, deliver my soul.

5. Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.

6. The Lord preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and He helped me.

7. Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.

8. For Thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

9. I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

10. I believed, therefore have I spoken: I was greatly afflicted.

11. I said in my haste, All men are liars.

12. What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?

13. I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

14. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all His people.

15. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

16. O Lord, truly I am Thy servant; I am Thy servant, and the son of Thine handmaid: Thou hast loosed my bonds.

17. I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord.

18. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all His people,

19. In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of Thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the Lord.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—Gal. v. 16.

I SAY, then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary the one to the other; so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led by the Spirit, ye are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they who do such things shall not inherit the king-

dom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh, with the affections and lusts.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Luke xvii. 11.

AND it came to pass, as Jesus went to Jerusalem, that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. And as He entered into a certain village, there met Him ten men that were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. And when He saw them, He said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. And He said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

PSALM CXIX.

ALEPH.

BLESSED are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord.

2. Blessed are they that keep His testimonies, and that seek Him with the whole heart.

3. They also do no iniquity: they walk in His ways.

4. Thou hast commanded us to keep Thy precepts diligently.

5. O that my ways were directed to keep Thy statutes!

6. Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all Thy commandments.

7. I will praise Thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned Thy righteous judgments.

8. I will keep Thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly.

BETH.

9. Wherewith shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to Thy word.

10. With my whole heart have I sought Thee: O let me not wander from Thy commandments.

11. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

12. Blessed art Thou, O Lord: teach me Thy statutes.

13. With my lips have I declared all the judgments of Thy mouth.

14. I have rejoiced in the way of Thy testimonies, as much as in all riches.

15. I will meditate in Thy precepts, and have respect unto Thy ways.

16. I will delight myself in Thy statutes: I will not forget Thy word.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity, and, that we may obtain that which Thou dost promise, make us to love that which Thou dost command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM CXIX.

GIMEL.

DEAL bountifully with Thy servant, that I may live, and keep Thy word.

18. Open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law.

19. I am a stranger in the earth: hide not Thy commandments from me.

20. My soul breaketh for the longing that it hath unto Thy judgments at all times.

21. Thou hast rebuked the proud that are cursed, who do err from Thy commandments.

22. Remove from me reproach and contempt; for I have kept Thy testimonies.

23. Princes also did sit and speak against me: but Thy servant did meditate in Thy statutes.

24. Thy testimonies also are my delight, and my counsellors.

DALETH.

25. My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken Thou me according to Thy word.

26. I have declared my ways, and Thou heardest me: teach me Thy statutes.

27. Make me to understand the way of Thy precepts: so shall I talk of Thy wondrous works.

28. My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen Thou me according unto Thy word.

29. Remove from me the way of lying: and grant me Thy law graciously.

30. I have chosen the way of truth: Thy judgments have I laid before me.

31. I have stuck unto Thy testimonies: O Lord, put me not to shame.

32. I will run the way of Thy commandments, when Thou shalt enlarge my heart.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—Gal. vi. 11.

YE see how large a letter I have written unto you with mine own hand. As many as desire to make a fair show in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh. But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From henceforth let no man trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Matt. vi. 24.

NO man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you, by taking thought, can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they toil not, neither do they spin; and yet I say unto you, that even Solomon, in all his glory, was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, shall He not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? for after all these things do the

Gentiles seek: for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Take, therefore, no thought for the morrow; for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself: sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

PSALM CXIX.

HE.

TEACH me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

34. Give me understanding, and I shall keep Thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

35. Make me to go in the path of Thy commandments; for therein do I delight.

36. Incline my heart unto Thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.

37. Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken Thou me in Thy way.

38. Establish Thy word unto Thy servant, who is devoted to Thy fear.

39. Turn away my reproach which I fear: for Thy judgments are good.

40. Behold, I have longed after Thy precepts: quicken me in Thy righteousness.

VAU.

41. Let Thy mercies come also unto me, O Lord, even Thy salvation, according to Thy word.

42. So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in Thy word.

43. And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in Thy judgments.

44. So shall I keep Thy law continually for ever and ever.

45. And I will walk at liberty: for I seek Thy precepts.

46. I will speak of Thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.

47. And I will delight myself in Thy commandments, which I have loved.

48. My hands also will I lift up unto Thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in Thy statutes.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
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THE COLLECT.

KEEP, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy Church with Thy perpetual mercy; and because the frailty of man without Thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by Thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM CXIX.

ZAIN.

REMEMBER the word unto Thy servant, upon which Thou hast caused me to hope.

50. This is my comfort in my affliction: for Thy word hath quickened me.

51. The proud have had me greatly in derision: yet have I not declined from Thy law.

52. I remembered Thy judgments of old, O Lord; and have comforted myself.

53. Horror hath taken hold upon me because of the wicked that forsake Thy law.

54. Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage.

55. I have remembered Thy name, O Lord, in the night, and have kept Thy law.

56. This I had, because I kept Thy precepts.

CHETH.

57. Thou art my portion, O Lord: I have said that I would keep Thy words.

58. I entreated Thy favor with my whole heart: be merciful unto me according to Thy word.

59. I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto Thy testimonies.

60. I made haste, and delayed not to keep Thy commandments.

61. The bands of the wicked have robbed me: but I have not forgotten Thy law.

62. At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto Thee because of Thy righteous judgments.

63. I am a companion of all them that fear Thee, and of them that keep Thy precepts.

64. The earth, O Lord, is full of Thy mercy; teach me Thy statutes.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—Ephes. iii. 13.

I DESIRE that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend, with all saints,

what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Luke vii. 11.

AND it came to pass the day after, that Jesus went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and much people. Now, when He came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. And He came and touched the bier, and they that bare him stood still; and He said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak: and He delivered him to his mother. And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited His people. And this rumor of Him went forth throughout all Judea, and throughout all the region round about.

PSALM CXIX.

TETH.

THOU hast dealt well with Thy servant, O Lord, according unto Thy word.

66. Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed Thy commandments.

67. Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept Thy word.

68. Thou art good, and doest good: teach me Thy statutes.

69. The proud have forged a lie against me: but I will keep Thy precepts with my whole heart.

70. Their heart is as fat as grease: but I delight in Thy law.

71. It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn Thy statutes.

72. The law of Thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.

JOD.

73. Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn Thy commandments.

74. They that fear Thee will be glad when they see me; because I have hoped in Thy word.

75. I know, O Lord, that Thy judgments are right, and that Thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.

76. Let, I pray Thee, Thy merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to Thy word unto Thy servant.

77. Let Thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for Thy law is my delight.

78. Let the proud be ashamed; for they dealt perversely with me without a cause: but I will meditate in Thy precepts.

79. Let those that fear Thee turn unto me, and those that have known Thy testimonies.

80. Let my heart be sound in Thy statutes; that I be not ashamed.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

O LORD, we beseech Thee, let Thy continual pity cleanse and defend Thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without Thy succor, preserve it evermore by Thy help and goodness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM CXIX.

CAPH.

MY soul fainteth for Thy salvation: but I hope in Thy word.

82. Mine eyes fail for Thy word, saying, When wilt Thou comfort me?

83. For I am become like a bottle in the smoke; yet do I not forget Thy statutes.

84. How many are the days of Thy servant? when wilt Thou execute judgment on them that persecute me?

85. The proud have digged pits for me, which are not after Thy law.

86. All Thy commandments are faithful: they persecute me wrongfully; help Thou me.

87. They had almost consumed me upon earth; but I forsook not Thy precepts.

88. Quicken me after Thy loving-kindness; so shall I keep the testimony of Thy mouth.

LAMED.

89. For ever, O Lord, Thy word is settled in heaven.

90. Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: Thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.

91. They continue this day according to Thine ordinances: for all are Thy servants.

92. Unless Thy law had been my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction.

93. I will never forget Thy precepts: for with them Thou hast quickened me.

94. I am Thine, save me; for I have sought Thy precepts.

95. The wicked have waited for me to destroy me; but I will consider Thy testimonies.

96. I have seen an end of all perfection: but Thy commandment is exceeding broad.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—Ephes. iv. 1.

I THEREFORE, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Luke xiv. 1.

IT came to pass, as Jesus went into the house of one of the chief Pharisees to eat bread, on the Sabbath-day, that they watched Him. And, behold, there was a certain man before Him, who had the dropsy. And Jesus, answering, spake unto the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath-day? And they held their peace. And he took him, and healed him, and let him go; and answered them, saying, Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fallen into a pit, and will not straightway pull him out on the Sabbath-day? And they could not answer Him again to these things. And He put forth a parable to those who were bidden, when He marked how they chose out the chief rooms; saying unto them, When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room, lest a more honorable man than thou be bidden of him; and he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room. But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee. For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

PSALM CXIX.

MEM.

O HOW love I Thy law! it is my meditation all the day.

98. Thou through Thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.

99. I have more understanding than all my teachers: for Thy testimonies are my meditation.

100. I understand more than the ancients, because I keep Thy precepts.

101. I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep Thy word.

102. I have not departed from Thy judgments: for Thou hast taught me.

103. How sweet are Thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth.

104. Through Thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

NUN.

105. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

106. I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep Thy righteous judgments.

107. I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O Lord, according unto Thy word.

108. Accept, I beseech Thee, the free-will offerings of my mouth, O Lord, and teach me Thy judgments.

109. My soul is continually in my hand; yet do I not forget Thy law.

110. The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from Thy precepts.

111. Thy testimonies have I taken as a heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart.

112. I have inclined mine heart to perform Thy statutes always, even unto the end.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

LORD, we pray Thee, that Thy grace may always direct and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM CXIX.

SAMECH.

I HATE vain thoughts: but Thy law do I love.

114. Thou art my hiding-place and my shield: I hope in Thy word.

115. Depart from me, ye evil-doers: for I will keep the commandments of my God.

116. Uphold me according unto Thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope.

117. Hold Thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto Thy statutes continually.

118. Thou hast trodden down all them that err from Thy statutes: for their deceit is falsehood.

119. Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth like dross: therefore I love Thy testimonies.

120. My flesh trembleth for fear of Thee: and I am afraid of Thy judgments.

AIN.

121. I have done judgment and justice: leave me not to mine oppressors.

122. Be surety for Thy servant for good: let not the proud oppress me.

123. Mine eyes fail for Thy salvation, and for the word of Thy righteousness.

124. Deal with Thy servant according unto Thy mercy, and teach me Thy statutes.

125. I am Thy servant; give me understanding, that I may know Thy testimonies.

126. It is time for Thee, Lord, to work: for they have made void Thy law.

127. Therefore I love Thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold.

128. Therefore I esteem all Thy precepts concerning all things to be right: and I hate every false way.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—1 Cor. i. 4.

I THANK my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; that in every thing ye are enriched by Him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge: even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you. So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Matt. xxii. 34.

WHEN the Pharisees had heard that Jesus had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together. Then one of them who was a lawyer, asked Him a question, tempting Him, and saying, Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said

unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, What think ye of Christ? whose Son is He? They say unto Him, The son of David. He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call Him Lord, saying, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit Thou on my right hand, till I make Thine enemies Thy footstool? If David then call Him Lord, how is He his Son? And no man was able to answer Him a word, neither durst any man, from that day forth, ask Him any more questions.

PSALM CXIX.

PE.

THY testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.

130. The entrance of Thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

131. I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for Thy commandments.

132. Look Thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, as Thou usest to do unto those that love Thy name.

133. Order my steps in Thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

134. Deliver me from the oppression of man: so will I keep Thy precepts.

135. Make Thy face to shine upon Thy servant: and teach me Thy statutes.

136. Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not Thy law.

TSADDI.

137. Righteous art Thou, O Lord, and upright are Thy judgments.

138. Thy testimonies that Thou hast commanded are righteous and very faithful.

139. My zeal hath consumed me, because mine enemies have forgotten Thy words.

140. Thy word is very pure: therefore Thy servant loveth it.

141. I am small and despised: yet do not I forget Thy precepts.

142. Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Thy law is the truth.

143. Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: yet Thy commandments are my delights.

144. The righteousness of Thy testimonies is everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

LORD, we beseech Thee, grant Thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil; and with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee, the only God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM CXIX.

KOPH.

I CRIED with my whole heart; hear me, O Lord: I will keep Thy statutes.

146. I cried unto Thee; save me, and I shall keep Thy testimonies.

147. I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried: I hoped in Thy word.

148. Mine eyes prevent the night-watches, that I might meditate in Thy word.

149. Hear my voice according unto Thy loving-kindness: O Lord, quicken me according to Thy judgment.

150. They draw nigh that follow after mischief: they are far from Thy law.

151. Thou art near, O Lord; and all Thy commandments are truth.

152. Concerning Thy testimonies, I have known of old that Thou hast founded them for ever.

RESH.

153. Consider mine affliction, and deliver me: for I do not forget Thy law.

154. Plead my cause and deliver me: quicken me according to Thy word.

155. Salvation is far from the wicked: for they seek not Thy statutes.

156. Great are Thy tender mercies, O Lord: quicken me according to Thy judgments.

157. Many are my persecutors and mine enemies; yet do I not decline from Thy testimonies.

158. I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved; because they kept not Thy word.

159. Consider how I love Thy precepts: quicken me, O Lord, according to Thy loving-kindness.

160. Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of Thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—Ephes. iv. 17.

THIS I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind; having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: who, being past feeling, have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But ye have not so learned Christ; if so be that ye have heard Him, and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind: and that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Wherefore, putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another. Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: neither give place to the devil. Let him that stole steal no more; but rather let him labor, working with his hand the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil-speaking, be put away from you, with all malice. And be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God, for Christ's sake, hath forgiven you.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Matt. ix. 1.

JESUS entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into His own city. And behold, they brought to Him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed. And Jesus, seeing their faith, said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee. And behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth. And Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? For whether is easier to say, Thy sins

be forgiven thee? or to say, Arise, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of Man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith He to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house. And He arose, and departed to his house. But when the multitude saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, who had given such power unto men.

PSALM CXIX.

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PRINCES have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of Thy word.

162. I rejoice at Thy word, as one that findeth great spoil.

163. I hate and abhor lying: but Thy law do I love.

164. Seven times a day do I praise Thee, because of Thy righteous judgments.

165. Great peace have they who love Thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

166. Lord, I have hoped for Thy salvation, and done Thy commandments.

167. My soul hath kept Thy testimonies; and I love them exceedingly.

168. I have kept Thy precepts and Thy testimonies: for all my ways are before Thee.

TAU.

169. Let my cry come near before Thee, O Lord: give me understanding according to Thy word.

170. Let my supplication come before Thee: deliver me according to Thy word.

171. My lips shall utter praise, when Thou hast taught me Thy statutes.

172. My tongue shall speak of Thy word: for all Thy commandments are righteousness.

173. Let Thine hand help me; for I have chosen Thy precepts.

174. I have longed for Thy salvation, O Lord; and Thy law is my delight.

175. Let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee; and let Thy judgments help me.

176. I have gone astray like a lost sheep: seek Thy servant; for I do not forget Thy commandments.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

O GOD, forasmuch as without Thee we are not able to please Thee, mercifully grant that Thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM CXII.

PRAISE ye the Lord. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in His commandments.

2. His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

3. Wealth and riches shall be in His house: and His righteousness endureth for ever.

4. Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: He is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

5. A good man sheweth favor, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.

6. Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

7. He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord.

8. His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he see his desire upon his enemies.

9. He hath dispersed, He hath given to the poor; His righteousness endureth for ever; His horn shall be exalted with honor.

10. The wicked shall see it, and be grieved, he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.

PSALM CXXII.

I WAS glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

2. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

3. Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together.

4. Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.

5. For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

6. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

7. Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces.

8. For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee.

9. Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

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THE COLLECT.

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—Ephes. v. 15.

SEE then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; giving thanks

always for all things unto God and the Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Matt. xxii. 1.

JESUS said, The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, who made a marriage for his son; and sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. Again he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them who are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: and the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burnt up their city. Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they who were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find bid to the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all, as many as they found, both bad and good; and the wedding was furnished with guests. And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man who had not on a wedding garment. And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither, not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen.

PSALM XXXVI.

THE transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, that there is no fear of God before his eyes.

2. For he flattereth himself in his own eyes, until his iniquity be found to be hateful.

3. The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit: he hath left off to be wise, and to do good.

4. He deviseth mischief upon his bed; he setteth himself in a way that is not good; he abhorreth not evil.

5. Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; and Thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.

6. Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; Thy judgments are a great deep: O Lord, Thou preservest man and beast.

7. How excellent is Thy loving-kindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Thy wings.

8. They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of Thy house; and Thou shalt make them drink of the river of Thy pleasures.

9. For with Thee is the fountain of life: in Thy light shall we see light.

10. O continue Thy loving-kindness unto them that know Thee; and Thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

11. Let not the foot of pride come against me, and let not the hand of the wicked remove me.

12. There are the workers of iniquity fallen: they are cast down, and shall not be able to rise.

PSALM CXXIII.

UNTO Thee lift I up mine eyes, O Thou that dwellest in the heavens.

2. Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until that He have mercy upon us.

3. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we are exceedingly filled with contempt.

4. Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorning of those that are at ease, and with the contempt of the proud.

PSALM CXXIV.

IF it had not been the Lord who was on our side, now may Israel say:

2. If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when men rose up against us:

3. Then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us:

4. Then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul:

5. Then the proud waters had gone over our soul.

6. Blessed be the Lord, who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth.

7. Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.

8. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, of Thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech Thee, from all things that may hurt us, that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things which Thou commandest, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM LXX.

MAKE haste, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O Lord.

2. Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward, and put to confusion, that desire my hurt.

3. Let them be turned back for a reward of their shame that say, Aha, aha!

4. Let all those that seek Thee rejoice and be glad in Thee: and let such as love Thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.

5. But I am poor and needy: make haste unto me, O God: Thou art my help and my deliverer; O Lord, make no tarrying.

PSALM CXXV.

THEY that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.

2. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about His people from henceforth even for ever.

3. For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous; lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity.

4. Do good, O Lord, unto those that be good, and to them that are upright in their hearts.

5. As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the Lord shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity: but peace shall be upon Israel.

PSALM CXXVI.

WHEN the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream.

2. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The Lord hath done great things for them.

3. The Lord hath done great things for us: whereof we are glad.

4. Turn again our captivity, O Lord, as the streams in the south.

5. They that sow in tears, shall reap in joy.

6. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—Ephes. vi. 10.

MY brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth; and having on the breast-plate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; and for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel; for which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

THE GOSPEL.—St. John iv. 46.

THERE was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judea into Galilee, he went unto Him, and besought Him that He would come down and heal his son; for he was at the point of death. Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe. The nobleman saith unto Him, Sir, come down ere my child die. Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way. And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth. Then inquired he of them the hour when he began to amend: and they said unto him, Yesterday, at the seventh hour, the fever left him. So the father knew that it was at the same hour in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and

himself believed, and his whole house. This is again the second miracle that Jesus did, when He was come out of Judea into Galilee.

PSALM CXXVII.

EXCEPT the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

2. It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so He giveth His beloved sleep.

3. Lo, children are a heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is His reward.

4. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.

5. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

PSALM CXXVIII.

BLESSED is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in His ways.

2. For thou shalt eat the labor of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.

3. Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive-plants round about thy table.

4. Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord.

5. The Lord shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.

6. Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel.

PSALM XV.

LORD, who shall abide in Thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in Thy holy hill?

2. He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

3. He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor.

4. In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoreth

them that fear the Lord. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.

5. He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve Thee with a quiet mind, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM V.

GIVE ear to my words, O Lord; consider my meditation.

2. Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto Thee will I pray.

3. My voice shalt Thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee, and will look up.

4. For Thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with Thee.

5. The foolish shall not stand in Thy sight: Thou hatest all workers of iniquity.

6. Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing: the Lord will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.

7. But as for me, I will come into Thy house in the multitude of Thy mercy: and in Thy fear will I worship toward Thy holy temple.

8. Lead me, O Lord, in Thy righteousness, because of mine enemies; make Thy way straight before my face.

9. For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is very wickedness; their throat is an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue.

10. Destroy Thou them, O God; let them fall by their own

counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have rebelled against Thee.

11. But let all those that put their trust in Thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because Thou defendest them: let them also that love Thy name be joyful in Thee.

12. For Thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous; with favor wilt Thou compass him as with a shield.

PSALM CXXIX.

MANY a time have they afflicted me from my youth, may Israel now say:

2. Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth: yet they have not prevailed against me.

3. The ploughers ploughed upon my back: they made long their furrows.

4. The Lord is righteous: he hath cut asunder the cords of the wicked.

5. Let them all be confounded and turned back that hate Zion.

6. Let them be as the grass upon the house-tops, which withereth afore it groweth up:

7. Wherewith the mower filleth not his hand; nor he that bindeth sheaves his bosom.

8. Neither do they who go by say, The blessing of the Lord be upon you: we bless you in the name of the Lord.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

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THE COLLECT.

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—Phil. i. 3.

I THANK my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; being confident of this very thing, that he who hath begun a good work in you, will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ; even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as, both in my bonds and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace. For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ. And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; that ye may approve things that are excellent, that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Matt. xviii. 21.

PETER said unto Jesus, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times; but, Until seventy times seven. Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king who would take account of his servants. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him who owed him ten thousand talents. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. The servant therefore fell down, and worshiped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt. But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellow-servants, who owed him an hundred pence; and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. And his fellow-servant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. And he would not; but went and cast him

into prison, till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow-servants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellow-servant, even as I had pity on thee? And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

PSALM CXXXI.

LORD, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty: neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me.

2. Surely I have behaved and quieted myself, as a child that is weaned of his mother: my soul is even as a weaned child.

3. Let Israel hope in the Lord from henceforth and for ever.

PSALM CXXXIII.

BEHOLD, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

2. It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

3. As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

PSALM CXXXIV.

BEHOLD, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord, who by night stand in the house of the Lord.

2. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord.

3. The Lord that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion.

PSALM CXXII.

I WAS glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

2. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

3. Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together.

4. Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.

5. For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

6. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

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THE COLLECT.

LORD, we beseech Thee to keep Thy household the Church in continual godliness, that through Thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve Thee in good works, to the glory of Thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM CXXXVI.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord; for He is good; for His mercy endureth for ever.

2. O give thanks unto the God of gods: for His merey endureth for ever.

3. O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for His merey endureth for ever.

4. To Him who alone doeth great wonders: for His mercy endureth for ever.

5. To Him that by wisdom made the heavens: for His mercy endureth for ever.

6. To Him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for His mercy endureth for ever.

7. To Him that made great lights: for His mercy endureth for ever:

8. The sun to rule by day: for His mercy endureth for ever:

9. The moon and stars to rule by night: for His mercy endureth for ever.

10. To Him that smote Egypt in their first-born: for His mercy endureth for ever:

11. And brought out Israel from among them: for His mercy endureth for ever:

12. With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm: for His mercy endureth for ever.

13. To Him who divided the Red sea into parts: for His mercy endureth for ever:

14. And made Israel to pass through the midst of it: for His mercy endureth for ever:

15. But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red sea: for His mercy endureth for ever.

16. To Him who led His people through the wilderness: for His mercy endureth for ever.

17. To Him who smote great kings: for His mercy endureth for ever:

18. And slew famous kings: for His mercy endureth for ever:

19. Sihon king of the Amorites: for His mercy endureth for ever:

20. And Og the king of Bashan: for His mercy endureth for ever:

21. And gave their land for a heritage: for His mercy endureth for ever:

22. Even a heritage unto Israel His servant: for His mercy endureth for ever:

23. Who remembered us in our low estate: for His mercy endureth for ever:

24. And hath redeemed us from our enemies: for His mercy endureth for ever.

25. Who giveth food to all flesh: for His mercy endureth for ever.

26. O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for His mercy endureth for ever.

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THE COLLECT.

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—Phil. iii. 17.

BRETHREN, be followers together of me, and mark them who walk so as ye have us for an ensample. (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ; whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.) For our conversation is in heaven, from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ; who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Matt. xxii. 15.

THEN went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might entangle Him in His talk. And they sent out unto Him their disciples, with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that Thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest Thou for any man: for Thou regardest not the person of men. Tell us, therefore, what thinkest Thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Cæsar, or not? But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? Shew me the tribute-money. And they

brought unto Him a penny. And He saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? They say unto Him, Cæsar's. Then saith He unto them, Render therefore unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's, and unto God the things that are God's. When they had heard these words, they marvelled, and left Him, and went their way.

PSALM CXXXIX.

O LORD, Thou hast searched me, and known me.

2. Thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising; Thou understandest my thought afar off.

3. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

4. For there is not a word in my tongue, but lo, O Lord, Thou knowest it altogether.

5. Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid Thine hand upon me.

6. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

7. Whither shall I go from Thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from Thy presence?

8. If I ascend up into heaven, Thou art there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, Thou art there.

9. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

10. Even there shall Thy hand lead me, and Thy right hand shall hold me.

11. If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

12. Yea, the darkness hideth not from Thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to Thee.

13. For Thou hast possessed my reins: Thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

14. I will praise Thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are Thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

15. My substance was not hid from Thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

16. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in

Thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

17. How precious also are Thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

18. If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with Thee.

19. Surely Thou wilt slay the wicked, O God: depart from me therefore, ye bloody men.

20. For they speak against Thee wickedly, and Thine enemies take Thy name in vain.

21. Do not I hate them, O Lord, that hate Thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against Thee?

22. I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies.

23. Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

24. And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

O GOD, our Refuge and Strength, who art the Author of all godliness, be ready, we beseech Thee, to hear the devout prayers of Thy Church, and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM CXXXII.

LORD, remember David, and all his afflictions.

2. How he sware unto the Lord, and vowed unto the mighty God of Jacob;

3. Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house, nor go up into my bed;

4. I will not give sleep to mine eyes, or slumber to mine eyelids,

5. Until I find out a place for the Lord, a habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.

6. Lo, we heard of it at Ephratah: we found it in the fields of the wood.

7. We will go into His tabernacles: we will worship at His footstool.

8. Arise, O Lord, into Thy rest; Thou, and the ark of Thy strength.

9. Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let Thy saints shout for joy.

10. For Thy servant David's sake turn not away the face of Thine anointed.

11. The Lord hath sworn in truth unto David; He will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.

12. If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children also shall sit upon thy throne for evermore.

13. For the Lord hath chosen Zion; He hath desired it for His habitation.

14. This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.

15. I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread.

16. I will also clothe her priests with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.

17. There will I make the horn of David to bud: I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed.

18. His enemies will I clothe with shame: but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

MORNING.

THE EPISTLE.—Colos. i. 3.

WE give thanks to God, and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints; for the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel; which is come unto you, as it is in all the world, and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth. As ye also learned of Epaphras, our dear fellow-servant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ; who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit. For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering, with joyfulness; giving thanks unto the Father, who hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Matt. ix. 18.

WHILE Jesus spake these things unto John's disciples, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshiped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead, but come and lay Thy hand upon her, and she shall live. And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did His disciples. And behold, a woman who was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind Him, and touched the hem of His garment: for she said within herself, If I may but touch His

garment, I shall be whole. But Jesus turned Him about, and when He saw her, He said, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour. And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise, He said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed Him to scorn. But when the people were put forth, He went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose. And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land.

PSALM CXXXVII.

BY the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion.

2. We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof.

3. For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion.

4. How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?

5. If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning.

6. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.

7. Remember, O Lord, the children of Edom in the day of Jerusalem; who said, Rase it, rase it, even to the foundation thereof.

8. O daughter of Babylon, who art to be destroyed; happy shall he be that rewardeth thee as thou hast served us.

9. Happy shall he be that taketh and dasheth thy little ones against the stones.

PSALM CXL.

DELIVER me, O Lord, from the evil man: preserve me from the violent man;

2. Who imagine mischiefs in their heart; continually are they gathered together for war.

3. They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; adders' poison is under their lips.

4. Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked; preserve me from the violent man; who have purposed to overthrow my goings.

5. The proud have hid a snare for me, and cords; they have spread a net by the way-side; they have set gins for me.

6. I said unto the Lord, Thou art my God: hear the voice of my supplications, O Lord.

7. O God the Lord, the strength of my salvation, Thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.

8. Grant not, O Lord, the desires of the wicked: further not his wicked device; lest they exalt themselves.

9. As for the head of those that compass me about, let the mischief of their own lips cover them.

10. Let burning coals fall upon them: let them be cast into the fire; into deep pits, that they rise not up again.

11. Let not an evil speaker be established in the earth: evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow him.

12. I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and the right of the poor.

13. Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto Thy name: the upright shall dwell in Thy presence.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

O LORD, we beseech Thee, absolve Thy people from their offences; that through Thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins which by our frailty we have committed. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM XCII.

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy name, O Most High:

2. To shew forth Thy loving-kindness in the morning, and Thy faithfulness every night,

3. Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery; upon the harp with a solemn sound.

4. For Thou, Lord, hast made me glad through Thy work: I will triumph in the works of Thy hands.

5. O Lord, how great are Thy works! and Thy thoughts are very deep.

6. A brutish man knoweth not; neither doth a fool understand this.

7. When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; it is that they shall be destroyed for ever;

8. But Thou, Lord, art most high for evermore.

9. For lo, Thine enemies, O Lord, for lo, Thine enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

10. But my horn shalt Thou exalt like the horn of an unicorn; I shall be anointed with fresh oil.

11. Mine eye also shall see my desire on mine enemies, and mine ears shall hear my desire of the wicked that rise up against me.

12. The righteous shall flourish like the palm-tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

13. Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

14. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;

15. To shew that the Lord is upright: He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

PSALM CXXXVIII.

I WILL praise Thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto Thee.

2. I will worship toward Thy holy temple, and praise Thy name for Thy loving-kindness and for Thy truth: for Thou hast magnified Thy word above all Thy name.

3. In the day when I cried Thou answeredst me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.

4. All the kings of the earth shall praise Thee, O Lord, when they hear the words of Thy mouth.

5. Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the Lord: for great is the glory of the Lord.

6. Though the Lord be high, yet hath He respect unto the lowly: but the proud He knoweth afar off.

7. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, Thou wilt revive me: Thou shalt stretch forth Thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and Thy right hand shall save me.

8. The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me: Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever: forsake not the works of Thine own hands.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

MORNING.

FOR THE EPISTLE.—Jer. xxiii. 5.

BEHOLD, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch; and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In His days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is His name whereby He shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that they shall no more say, The Lord liveth, who brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; but, The Lord liveth, who brought up and who led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them: and they shall dwell in their own land.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Matt. xvi. 21.

FROM that time forth began Jesus to shew unto His disciples how that He must go into Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders, and chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. Then Peter took Him, and began to rebuke Him, saying, Be it far from Thee, Lord: this shall not be unto Thee. But He turned and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan; thou art an offence unto me: for thou savorest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men. Then said Jesus unto His disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever will lose his life for my sake, shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man shall come in the glory of His Father, with His angels; and then He shall reward every man according to his works. Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here who shall not taste of death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.

PSALM CXV.

NOT unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory, for Thy mercy, and for Thy truth's sake.

2. Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is now their God?

3. But our God is in the heavens: He hath done whatsoever He pleased.

4. Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

5. They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not:

6. They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not:

7. They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat.

8. They that make them are like unto them; so is every one that trusteth in them.

9. O Israel, trust thou in the Lord: He is their help and their shield.

10. O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord: He is their help and their shield.

11. Ye that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord: He is their help and their shield.

12. The Lord hath been mindful of us: He will bless us; He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron.

13. He will bless them that fear the Lord, both small and great.

14. The Lord shall increase you more and more, you and your children.

15. Ye are blessed of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

16. The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

17. The dead praise not the Lord, neither any that go down into silence.

18. But we will bless the Lord from this time forth and for evermore. Praise the Lord.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

STIR up, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the wills of Thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by Thee be plenteously rewarded, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM XXXIV.

I WILL bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

2. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

3. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

4. I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

5. They looked unto Him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

6. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard Him: and saved him out of all his troubles.

7. The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them.

8. O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.

9. O fear the Lord, ye His saints: for there is no want to them that fear Him.

10. The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

11. Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

12. What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good?

13. Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

14. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

15. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears are open unto their cry.

16. The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

17. The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

18. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart: and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

19. Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

20. He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.

21. Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

22. The Lord redeemeth the soul of His servants: and none of them that trust in Him shall be desolate.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou

that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT.

MORNING.

FOR THE EPISTLE.—Isa. xl. 1.

COMFORT ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, because the Spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the word of our God shall stand for ever. O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain: O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up; be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God. Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and His arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with Him, and his work before Him. He shall feed His flock like a shepherd, He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Matt. iii. 1.

IN those days came John the Baptist preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at

hand. For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight. And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey. Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the region round about Jordan, and were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: and think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire. I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but He that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: whose fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor, and gather His wheat into the garner; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

PSALM CXLVII.

PRAISE ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely.

2. The Lord doth build up Jerusalem: He gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.

3. He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

4. He telleth the number of the stars; He calleth them all by their names.

5. Great is our Lord, and of great power: His understanding is infinite.

6. The Lord lifteth up the meek: He casteth the wicked down to the ground.

7. Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God.

8. Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

9. He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry.

10. He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: He taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.

11. The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear Him, in those that hope in His mercy.

12. Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion.

13. For He hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; He hath blessed thy children within thee.

14. He maketh peace in thy borders, and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.

15. He sendeth forth His commandment upon earth: His word runneth very swiftly.

16. He giveth snow like wool; He scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.

17. He casteth forth His ice like morsels: who can stand before His cold?

18. He sendeth out His word, and melteth them: He causeth His wind to blow, and the waters flow.

19. He sheweth His word unto Jacob, His statutes and His judgments unto Israel.

20. He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for His judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the Lord.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY GOD, by whose providence Thy servant John Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of Thy Son our Saviour, by preaching repentance, make us so to follow His doctrine and holy life, that we may truly repent according to His preaching; and after His example constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

PSALM CXLVIII.

PRAISE ye the Lord. Praise ye the Lord from the heavens: praise Him in the heights.

2. Praise ye Him, all His angels: praise ye Him, all His hosts.

3. Praise ye Him, sun and moon: praise Him, all ye stars of light.

4. Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.

5. Let them praise the name of the Lord: for He commanded, and they were created.

6. He hath also established them for ever and ever: He hath made a decree which shall not pass.

7. Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps:

8. Fire, and hail; snow, and vapor; stormy wind fulfilling His word:

9. Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars:

10. Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl:

11. Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth:

12. Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children:

13. Let them praise the name of the Lord: for His name alone is excellent; His glory is above the earth and heaven.

14. He also exalteth the horn of His people, the praise of all His saints; even of the children of Israel, a people near unto Him. Praise ye the Lord.

PSALM CXLIX.

PRAISE ye the Lord. Sing unto the Lord a new song, and His praise in the congregation of saints.

2. Let Israel rejoice in Him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3. Let them praise His name in the dance: let them sing praises unto Him with the timbrel and harp.

4. For the Lord taketh pleasure in His people: He will beautify the meek with salvation.

5. Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds.

6. Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7. To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people;

8. To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;

9. To execute upon them the judgment written: this honor have all His saints. Praise ye the Lord.

PSALM CL.

PRAISE ye the Lord. Praise God in His sanctuary: praise Him in the firmament of His power.

2. Praise Him for His mighty acts: praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

3. Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet: praise Him with the psaltery and harp.

4. Praise Him with the timbrel and dance: praise Him with stringed instruments and organs.

5. Praise Him upon the loud cymbals: praise Him upon the high sounding cymbals.

6. Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT.

Special Thanksgivings.

To be used before the final prayer of the Service, or elsewhere, at the discretion of the Minister.

FOR A RECOVERY FROM SICKNESS.

O GOD, who art the Giver of life, of health, and of safety; We bless Thy name, that Thou hast been pleased to deliver from *his* bodily sickness *this* Thy *servant*, who now *desireth* to return thanks unto Thee, in the presence of all Thy people. Gracious art Thou, O Lord, and full of compassion to the children of men. May *his heart* be duly impressed with a sense of Thy merciful goodness, and may *he* devote the residue of *his* days to an humble, holy, and obedient walking before Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR A SAFE RETURN FROM SEA.

MOST gracious Lord, whose mercy is over all Thy works; We praise Thy holy name that Thou hast been pleased to conduct in safety, through the perils of the great deep, *this* Thy *servant*, who now *desireth* to return *his* thanks unto Thee, in Thy holy Church. May *he* be duly sensible of Thy merciful providence towards *him*, and ever express *his* thankfulness by a holy trust in Thee, and obedience to Thy laws; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR SAFE DELIVERANCE FROM CHILD-BIRTH.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, we give Thee humble and hearty thanks for that Thou hast been graciously pleased to preserve, through the great pain and peril of child-birth, *this woman*, Thy *servant*, who *desireth* now to offer *her* praises and thanksgivings unto Thee. Grant, we beseech Thee, most merciful Father, that *she*, through Thy help,

may both faithfully live and walk according to Thy will in this life present, and also may be *partaker* of everlasting glory in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR RAIN.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, who by Thy gracious providence dost cause the former and the latter rain to descend upon the earth, that it may bring forth fruit for the use of man, we give Thee humble thanks that it hath pleased Thee, in our great necessity, to send us, at the last, a joyful rain upon Thine inheritance, and to refresh it when it was dry, to the great comfort of us Thy unworthy servants, and to the glory of Thy holy name, through Thy mercies in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR FAIR WEATHER.

O LORD GOD, who hast justly humbled us by Thy late visitation of us with immoderate rain and waters, and in Thy mercy hast relieved and comforted our souls by this seasonable and blessed change of weather, we praise and glorify Thy holy name, for this Thy mercy, and will always declare Thy loving-kindness from generation to generation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR PLENTY.

O MOST merciful Father, who of Thy gracious goodness hast heard the devout prayers of Thy Church, and turned our dearth and scarcity into plenty, we give Thee humble thanks for this Thy special bounty; beseeching Thee to continue Thy loving-kindness unto us, that our land may yield us her fruits of increase, to Thy glory and our comfort, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR PEACE, AND DELIVERANCE FROM OUR ENEMIES.

O ALMIGHTY God, who art a strong Tower of defence unto Thy servants against the face of their enemies, we yield Thee praise and thanksgiving for our deliverance from those great and apparent dangers wherewith we were compassed; we acknowledge it Thy goodness that we were not delivered over as a prey unto them; beseeching Thee still to continue such Thy mercies toward us, that all the world may know that Thou art our Saviour and mighty Deliverer, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR VICTORY.

O ALMIGHTY God, the Sovereign Commander of all the world, in whose hand is power and might, which none is able to withstand; we bless and magnify Thy great and glorious name for the victories the whole glory whereof we do ascribe to Thee, who art the only Giver of victory. And we beseech Thee, give us grace to improve this great mercy to Thy glory, the advancement of Thy Gospel, the honor of our country, and, as much as in us lieth, to the good of all mankind. And give us such a sense of this great mercy as may engage us to a true thankfulness, such as may appear in our lives by an humble, holy, and obedient walking before Thee all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR RESTORING PUBLIC PEACE AT HOME.

O ETERNAL God, our heavenly Father, who alone makest men to be of one mind in a house, and stillest the outrage of a violent and unruly people, we bless Thy holy name, that it hath pleased Thee to appease the seditious tumults which have been lately raised up amongst us; most humbly beseeching Thee to grant to all of us grace, that we may henceforth obediently walk in Thy holy commandments, and, leading a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty, may continually offer unto Thee our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for these Thy mercies toward us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR DELIVERANCE FROM GREAT SICKNESS AND MORTALITY.

O LORD GOD, who hast wounded us for our sins, and consumed us for our transgressions, by Thy late heavy and dreadful visitation, and now, in the midst of judgment remembering mercy, hast redeemed our souls from the jaws of death, we offer unto Thy fatherly goodness ourselves, our souls and bodies, which Thou hast delivered, to be a living sacrifice unto Thee; always praising and magnifying Thy mercies in the midst of Thy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Special Prayers.

To be used before the final prayer of the Service, or elsewhere, at the discretion of the Minister.

FOR A SICK PERSON.

O FATHER of mercies, and God of all comfort, our only Help in time of need, look down from heaven, we humbly beseech Thee, behold, visit, and relieve Thy sick *servant*, for whom our prayers are desired. Look upon *him* with the eyes of Thy mercy; comfort *him* with the sense of Thy goodness; preserve *him* from the temptations of the enemy; give *him* patience under *his* affliction; and in Thy good time restore *him* to health, and enable *him* to lead the residue of *his life* in Thy fear, and to Thy glory: or else give *him* grace so to take Thy visitation, that, after this painful life ended, *he* may dwell with Thee in life everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR A SICK CHILD.

ALMIGHTY God and merciful Father, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death, look down from heaven, we humbly beseech Thee, with the eyes of mercy, upon the sick *child* for whom our prayers are desired. Deliver *him*, O Lord, in Thy good appointed time, from *his* bodily pain, and visit *him* with Thy salvation; that, if it should be Thy good pleasure to prolong *his* days here on earth, *he* may live to Thee, and be an instrument of Thy glory, by serving Thee faithfully and doing good in *his* generation: or else receive *him* into those heavenly habitations, where the souls of those who sleep in the Lord Jesus enjoy perpetual rest and felicity. Grant this, O Lord, for the love of Thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

FOR A PERSON, OR PERSONS, GOING TO SEA.

O ETERNAL God, who alone spreadest out the heavens and rulest the raging of the sea, we commend to Thy almighty protection Thy *servant*, for whose preservation on the great deep our prayers are desired. Guard *him*, we beseech Thee, from the dangers of the sea, from sickness, from the violence of enemies, and from every evil to which *he* may be exposed. Conduct *him* in safety to the haven where *he* would be, with a grateful sense of Thy mercies, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR A PERSON UNDER AFFLICTION.

O MERCIFUL God and heavenly Father, who hast taught us in Thy holy Word, that Thou dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men, look with pity, we beseech Thee, upon the sorrows of Thy *servant*, for whom our prayers are desired. In Thy wisdom Thou hast seen fit to visit *him* with trouble, and to bring distress upon *him*. Remember *him*, O Lord, in mercy; sanctify Thy fatherly correction to *him;* endue *his soul* with patience under *his* affliction, and with resignation to Thy blessed will; comfort *him* with a sense of Thy goodness; lift up Thy countenance upon *him* and give *him* peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR RAIN.

O GOD, heavenly Father, who by Thy Son Jesus Christ hast promised to all those who seek Thy kingdom and the righteousness thereof, all things necessary to their bodily sustenance, send us, we beseech Thee, in this our necessity, such moderate rain and showers, that we may receive the fruits of the earth, to our comfort and to Thy honor, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR FAIR WEATHER.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we humbly beseech Thee, of Thy great goodness, to restrain those immoderate rains, wherewith for our sins Thou hast afflicted us; and we pray Thee to send us such seasonable weather, that the earth may in due time yield her increase for our use and benefit; and give us grace, that we may learn by Thy punishments to amend our lives, and for Thy clemency to give Thee thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

IN TIME OF DEARTH AND FAMINE.

O GOD, heavenly Father, whose gift it is that the rain doth fall, and the earth bring forth her increase, behold, we beseech Thee, the afflictions of Thy people; increase the fruits of the earth by Thy heavenly benediction; and grant that the scarcity and dearth which we now most justly suffer for our sins, may, through Thy goodness, be mercifully turned into plenty, for the love of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

IN TIME OF WAR AND TUMULTS.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, the supreme Governor of all things, whose power no creature is able to resist, to whom it belongeth justly to punish sinners, and to be merciful to those who truly repent, save and deliver us, we humbly beseech Thee, from the hands of our enemies; that we, being armed with Thy defence, may be preserved evermore from all perils, to glorify Thee, who art the only Giver of all victory, through the merits of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

IN TIME OF CIVIL WAR.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, King of kings and Lord of lords, by whose will nations are cast down or stand, we humble ourselves before Thy Divine Majesty, in this our national distress and trouble. We confess our unworthiness and guilt in Thy sight, and the justice of this visitation of Thy wrath. Fervently we implore Thy forgiveness and succor. Uphold, we beseech Thee, the government of this land by Thy mighty power. Give wisdom and strength to all in authority over us, that by their efforts, upheld by Thy power and blessing, this Republic May Ever Be Preserved. Grant that truth, justice, and patriotism may triumph. Stay the progress of intestine war and insurrection. Restore to our country union, prosperity, and peace, and grant that all of us, humbled and improved by Thine afflicting hand, may henceforth strive more faithfully to serve Thee here on earth, and may finally attain to everlasting life hereafter; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR THOSE EXPOSED TO DANGER.

ALMIGHTY God, the Saviour of all men, we humbly commend to Thy tender care and sure protection, Thy servants who have

gone forth at the call of their country, to defend its government, and to protect us in our property and homes. Let Thy fatherly hand, we beseech Thee, be over them; let Thy Holy Spirit be with them; let Thy good angels have charge of them; with Thy loving-kindness defend them as with a shield, and either bring them out of their peril in safety, with a heart to show forth Thy praises forever, or else sustain them with that glorious hope, by which alone Thy servants can have victory in suffering and death; through the sole merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

IN TIME OF GREAT SICKNESS AND MORTALITY.

MOST gracious Father and God, who hast promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn to Thee, look down, we beseech Thee, from heaven Thy dwelling-place, upon us Thy unworthy servants, who, under an awful apprehension of Thy judgments, and a deep conviction of our sinfulness, prostrate ourselves before Thee. Have pity, O Lord, have pity upon us, and withdraw from us the grievous sickness with which we are visited for our sins. We confess with shame and contrition that in the pride and hardness of our hearts we have shown ourselves unthankful for Thy mercies, and have followed our own inclinations instead of Thy holy laws: yet, O merciful Father, cast us not away in displeasure, but give time for consideration and repentance, so that, receiving Thy fatherly correction with meekness, and turning from our evil ways, we may be preserved by Thy mighty protection, both in body and soul; through the merits of our only Mediator and Advocate Jesus Christ. Amen.

Or this:

O ALMIGHTY God, who by the many instances of mortality which encompass us on every side, and by the warning, now especially urged upon us, of our exposure to the sudden stroke of death, dost call upon us seriously to consider the shortness of our time here upon earth, and remindest us that in the midst of life we are in death, so teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Give us grace to turn unto Thee with timely repentance, and thus to obtain, through the merits of our Saviour, that pardon to-day, for which to-morrow it may be too late to seek; that

so being strengthened by Thy good Spirit against the terrors of death, and daily advancing in faith and godliness, we may at all times be ready to give up our souls into Thy hands, O gracious Father, in the hope of a blessed immortality; through the mediation and by the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Or this:

O GOD, who at the prayer of David Thy servant didst stay the hand of the destroying angel, when it was lifted up against Jerusalem, and on the repentance of Nineveh, didst spare that sinful city; vouchsafe, in like manner, to bow down Thine ear to our prayer, and to accept our repentance. Withdraw Thy chastisements from us, O Lord, and whilst Thou preservest our bodies from disease, so cleanse our hearts from all sinful affections, that, evermore striving to please Thee in newness of life, we may by Thee be defended from all evil; for the sake of Thy ever-blessed Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Or this:

O ALMIGHTY God, the Lord of life and death, of sickness and health, regard our supplications, we humbly beseech Thee; and as Thou hast thought fit to visit us for our sins with great sickness and mortality, in the midst of Thy judgment, O Lord, remember mercy. Have pity upon us miserable sinners, and withdraw from us the grievous sickness with which we are afflicted. May this Thy fatherly correction have its due influence upon us, by leading us to consider how frail and uncertain our life is; that we may apply our hearts unto that heavenly wisdom which in the end will bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR MALEFACTORS, AFTER CONDEMNATION.

Or else the Prayer in the Visitation of Prisoners, beginning, "O Father of Mercies," etc., may be used.

O MOST gracious and merciful God, we earnestly beseech Thee to have pity and compassion upon *those persons* recommended to our prayers, who now *lie* under the sentence of the law, and *are* appointed to die. Visit *them*, O Lord, with Thy mercy and salvation; convince *them* of the miserable condition *they are* in, by *their* sins and wickedness; and let Thy powerful grace produce in *them* such a godly sorrow, and sincere repentance, as Thou wilt be pleased

to accept. Give *them* a strong and lively faith in Thy Son, our blessed Saviour, and make it effectual to the salvation of *their souls*. O Lord, in judgment remember mercy; and whatever sufferings *they are* to endure in this world, yet deliver *them*, O God, from the bitter pains of eternal death. Pardon *their* sins, and save *their souls*, for the sake and merits of Thy dear Son, our blessed Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

Prayers for Ministers and Congregations.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE TO BE ADMITTED INTO HOLY ORDERS.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who hast purchased to Thyself an universal Church by the precious blood of Thy dear Son; mercifully look upon the same, and so guide and govern the minds of Thy servants, the pastors of Thy flock, that they may lay hands suddenly on no man, but faithfully and wisely make choice of fit persons, to serve in the sacred ministry of Thy Church. And, to those who shall be ordained to any holy function, give Thy grace and heavenly benediction; that both by their life and doctrine they may show forth Thy glory, and set forward the salvation of all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR A MINISTER.

O HOLY JESUS, who hast purchased to Thyself an universal Church, and hast promised to be with Thy ministers to the end of the world, be graciously pleased to bless the ministry and service of him who is appointed to offer the sacrifices of prayer and praise to Thee in this house, which is called by Thy name. May the words of his mouth, and the meditation of his heart, be always acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

Or this:

MOST gracious God, the Giver of all good and perfect gifts, give Thy grace, we beseech Thee, to Thy servant, to whom the charge of this congregation is committed, and so replenish him with

the truth of Thy doctrine, and endue him with innocency of life, that he may faithfully serve before Thee, to the glory of Thy great name, and the benefit of Thy holy Church, through Jesus Christ our only Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

A MINISTER'S PRAYER FOR HIMSELF AND BRETHREN.

O LORD our God, we are not worthy that Thou shouldest come under our roof; yet Thou hast honored Thy servants with appointing them to serve in Thy holy place. To Thee and to Thy service may we devote ourselves, soul, body, and spirit, with all our powers and faculties. Fill our memories with the words of Thy law, enlighten our understandings with the illumination of the Holy Ghost, and may all the wishes and desires of our hearts centre in what Thou hast commanded. And, to make us instrumental in promoting the salvation of the people committed to our charge, grant that we may faithfully administer Thy holy ordinances, and, by our life and doctrine, set forth Thy true and lively word. Be ever with us in the performance of all the duties of our ministry; in prayer, to quicken our devotion; in praises, to heighten our love and gratitude; and in preaching, to give a readiness of thought and expression suitable to the clearness and excellency of Thy holy word. Grant this for the sake of Jesus Christ Thy Son our Saviour. Amen.

FOR A CONGREGATION.

O GOD, Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful, visit, we pray Thee, this congregation with Thy love and favor; enlighten their minds more and more with the light of the everlasting gospel; graft in their hearts a love of the truth; increase in them true religion; nourish them with all goodness; and, of Thy great mercy, keep them in the same, O blessed Spirit, whom, with the Father and the Son together, we worship and glorify as one God, world without end. Amen.

Or this:

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief Corner-Stone, grant that, by the operation of the

Holy Ghost, all Christians may be so joined together in unity of spirit, and in the bond of peace, that they may be an holy temple acceptable unto Thee. And especially, to this congregation present, give the abundance of Thy grace, that, with one heart, they may desire the prosperity of Thy holy Church, and with one mouth may profess the faith once delivered to the saints. Defend them from the sins of heresy and schism; let not the foot of pride come nigh to hurt them, nor the hand of the ungodly to cast them down." And grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Thy governance, that Thy Church may joyfully serve Thee in all godly quietness; that so they may walk in the ways of truth and peace, and at last be numbered with Thy saints in glory everlasting, through Thy merits, O blessed Jesus, Thou gracious Bishop and Shepherd of our souls, who art, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

FOR USE AT A MISSIONARY MEETING.

O GOD, the Fountain of all wisdom and strength, look favorably upon Thy servants now assembled to consult for the increase of Thy kingdom among sinful men. Animate us with true zeal for Thy glory, and true love for the souls of men. Give us a spirit of self-sacrifice and endurance in Thy service, free from all self-conceit and vain-glorious boasting. Humble us under a sense of our feeble and imperfect efforts. Make Thy Spirit our sole reliance for success, and dispose us, when we have done all, to feel that we are unprofitable servants, having only done that which it was our duty to do. Grant this, O Lord, for the sake of Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

FOR A CHURCH CONVENTION OR COUNCIL.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who by Thy Holy Spirit didst preside in the councils of the blessed Apostles, and hast promised, through Thy Son Jesus Christ, to be with Thy Church to the end of the world; We beseech Thee to be present with the (council of Thy Church) now assembled in Thy name and presence. Save them from all error, ignorance, pride, and prejudice; and of Thy great mercy vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, so to direct, sanctify, and

govern them in their present work, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, that the comfortable Gospel of Christ may be truly preached, truly received, and truly followed in all places, to the breaking down the kingdom of sin, satan, and death; till at length the whole of Thy dispersed sheep, being gathered into one fold, shall become partakers of everlasting life, through the merits and death of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

TO BE USED ON VISITING SEMINARIES OF LEARNING.

ALMIGHTY God, the Author of all being, and the Fountain of all wisdom and knowledge; who hast formed our bodies and endued us with reasonable souls; regard with Thy favor and visit with Thy blessing this institution (or school) established for the promotion of sound learning and Christian education. Secure to it the patronage needful to the carrying of its good designs into effect. Inspire its teacher (or teachers) with a due sense of *his* solemn charge, and a suitable degree of wisdom and strength for its fulfilment. Bless the pupils with health, and give them a proper estimate of the advantages they here enjoy. Grant them docility and diligence in the pursuit of knowledge, submission and tractableness under discipline, and a readiness of mind to follow the counsels of wisdom and experience. Inspire them with due respect for their teachers; and fill their young hearts with an ardent love for Thee, their Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Guard their inexperience, keep them from self-conceit, and shield their virtue from the assaults of the world, the flesh, and the devil. Thus preparing them to fulfil their course with honor, fidelity, and success in this life, and to attain the glorious destiny to which Thou hast called them in the life to come, through the merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

FOR UNITY.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the head Corner-stone, grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by His doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Or this:

ALMIGHTY God, who hast knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the one body of our Lord Jesus Christ, grant that, by the operation of The Holy Ghost, we may be filled with love for Thy disciples of every name, and may be incorporated into that mystical body of Thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people, and finally come to those unspeakable joys which Thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love Thee, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Or this:

O GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace, give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that as there is but one body, and one spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God, and Father of us all; so we may henceforth be all of one heart, and one soul, united in the holy bond of truth, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR LIBERALITY IN THE PEOPLE.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, who hast redeemed us by Thy precious blood, and sanctified and sustained us by Thy power and grace; and who hast given us many of the good things of this earth, we most humbly beseech Thee, of Thine infinite mercy to incline us all, with open hearts and hands, cheerfully to give for the support and increase of Thy ministry, for the services of Thy sanctuary, for the edification and comfort of Thy flock, for the missions of Thy Church at home, and for the extension of the saving knowledge of the Gospel abroad, such ample portion of our respective means as shall be a faithful fulfilment of our duty to Thee, and may through Thy grace and merits promote the glory of God and the salvation of our souls; all which we asked in Thy blessed name; and to Thee, with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Prayers after the Sermon.

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, pour Thy grace into our hearts, that, as we have known the incarnation of Thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so, by His cross and passion, we may be brought unto the glory of His resurrection, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE INNOCENTS.

ALMIGHTY God, who out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast ordained strength, and madest infants to glorify Thee by their deaths, mortify and kill all vices in us, and so strengthen us by Thy grace, that by the innocency of our lives and constancy of our faith even unto death, we may glorify Thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we humbly beseech Thy Majesty that, as Thy only-begotten Son was presented in the temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto Thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SAINT MATTHEW THE APOSTLE.

ALMIGHTY God, who by Thy blessed Son didst call Matthew from the receipt of custom, to be an apostle and evangelist, grant us grace to forsake all covetous desires and inordinate love of riches, and to follow the same Thy Son Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

SAINT MARK.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast instructed Thy holy Church with the heavenly doctrine of Thy evangelist Saint Mark, give us grace that, being not like children carried away with every blast of

vain doctrine, we may be established in the truth of Thy holy Gospel, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST.

ALMIGHTY God, who calledst Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul, may it please Thee that, by the wholesome medicines of the doctrine delivered by him, all the diseases of our souls may be healed, through the merits of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST.

MERCIFUL Lord, we beseech Thee to cast Thy bright beams of light upon Thy Church, that it, being instructed by the doctrine of Thy blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John, may so walk in the light of Thy truth, that it may at length attain to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SAINT ANDREW.

ALMIGHTY God, who didst give such grace unto Thy holy apostle Saint Andrew, that he readily obeyed the calling of Thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed Him without delay, grant unto us all, that we, being called by Thy holy word, may forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfil Thy holy commandments, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who didst give to Thine apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach Thy word, grant, we beseech Thee, unto Thy Church to love that word which he believed; and both to preach and receive the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE.

GRANT, O merciful Lord, that as Thine holy apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, without delay was obedient unto the calling of Thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed Him, so we, forsaking all worldly and carnal affections, may be ever-

more ready to follow Thy holy commandments, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SAINT MATTHIAS.

O ALMIGHTY God, who into the place of the traitor Judas didst choose Thy faithful servant Matthias to be of the number of the twelve apostles, grant that Thy Church, being always preserved from false leaders, may be ordered and guided by faithful and true pastors, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SAINT PETER.

O ALMIGHTY God, who by Thy Son Jesus Christ didst give to Thy apostle Saint Peter many excellent gifts, and commandedst him earnestly to feed Thy flock, make, we beseech Thee, all pastors diligently to preach Thy holy Word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who for the greater confirmation of the faith, didst suffer Thy holy apostle Thomas to be doubtful in Thy Son's resurrection, grant us so perfectly and without all doubt, to believe in Thy Son Jesus Christ, that our faith in Thy sight may never be reproved. Hear us, O Lord, through the same Jesus Christ, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, now and for evermore. Amen.

SAINT STEPHEN.

GRANT, O Lord, that in all our sufferings here upon earth, for the testimony of Thy truth, we may steadfastly look up to heaven, and by faith behold the glory that shall be revealed; and being filled with the Holy Ghost, may learn to love and bless our persecutors by the example of Thy first martyr Saint Stephen, who prayed for his murderers to Thee, O blessed Jesus, who standest at the right hand of God, to succor all those who suffer for Thee, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL.

O GOD, who, through the preaching of the blessed apostle Saint Paul hast caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout

the world, grant, we beseech Thee, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show forth our thankfulness unto Thee for the same, by following the holy doctrine which he taught, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

O EVERLASTING God, who hast ordained and constituted the services of angels and men in a wonderful order, mercifully grant, that as Thy holy angels always do Thee service in heaven, so, by Thy appointment, they may succor and defend us on earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SAINT BARNABAS THE APOSTLE.

O LORD God Almighty, who didst endue Thy holy apostle Barnabas with singular gifts of the Holy Ghost, leave us not, we beseech Thee, destitute of Thy manifold gifts, nor yet of grace to use them always to Thy honor and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE.

ALMIGHTY God, whom truly to know is everlasting blessedness, grant us so perfectly to know Thy Son Jesus Christ to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life, that believing from the heart in His divine truth, we may steadfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY OF MAN.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech Thee graciously to behold this Thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross, who now liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

FOR ALL ESTATES IN THE CHURCH.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

FOR THOSE IN ERROR.

O MERCIFUL God, who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that Thou hast made, nor desirest the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live, have mercy upon all those who are out of Thy fold, and take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of Thy word; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to Thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

ON THE FIRST COMMANDMENT.

O LORD Almighty, Three Persons and one God, blessed for ever, teach us devoutly to adore Thine awful majesty. Enlighten our understandings, sanctify our affections, and strengthen our faith, that we may see Thee, and love Thee, and trust Thee, according to Thy will. Thou hast made Thyself known unto us at sundry times and in divers manners, by the Law, the Prophets, and the Gospel, as our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Grant us grace, we beseech Thee, to live in the perpetual sense of our continued obligations to Thee, and of our entire dependence upon Thee. Enable us to retain Thee ever in our knowledge; and give us not over to a reprobate mind: but so reveal Thyself to us, by Thy blessed Spirit, that, in all our thoughts, and words, and actions, we may glorify Thee our God, through Jesus Christ our blessed Redeemer. Amen.

ON THE SECOND COMMANDMENT.

O LORD God Almighty, who hast described Thyself as a jealous God, not willing to give Thine honor to another, teach us to worship Thee with a pure and holy service. Enable us always to remember that Thou art a Spirit, and that Thou requirest them who worship Thee to worship Thee in spirit and in truth. Enable us always to remember that Thou art love: and that Thou requirest the affections of the creatures whom Thou hast made. Grant to us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, such a measure of Thy grace, that we may never mock Thee by the mere forms of worship, while our hearts are far from Thee: but may we live in prayer, and bear about with us continually an awful sense of Thy presence; and whether we eat, or

drink, or whatever we do, may we do all to Thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

ON THE THIRD COMMANDMENT.

O LORD Almighty, help us to approach Thee with the deepest reverence; and in prayer, and praise, and thanksgiving, to feel the solemn obligation of calling upon Thy name. Grant that we may not mock Thee by taking it in vain by a cold and formal lip-service; but enable us by Thy grace to pray with the spirit and with the understanding; that so our sacrifice may be accepted, and our supplications be hallowed before Thee. Teach us also with watchfulness and anxiety to avoid every approach to levity and profaneness in our daily course of life; and habitually to cultivate truth, and purity, and sober-mindedness in our conversation. Enable us to keep our hearts diligently; and thus to keep our tongues from lying and slandering, from irreverent talking, from foolish jesting, and from blasphemy. All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ON THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT.

O LORD Almighty, who, on the Sabbath, didst rest from Thy labors, and didst command us to keep one day in seven holy, in remembrance thereof for ever, give us grace without doubting to hallow the Lord's Day always before Thee. Teach us to devote the day, not grudgingly, or of necessity, to Thy service, but cheerfully, and happily; and enable us by Thy Holy Spirit to feel, that while it is a blessing to our wearied bodies, it is also a privilege to our immortal souls. May the frame of our minds be on this day always more and more conformed to Thy will; and thus growing into the image of our Lord, and feeling an increasing delight in Thy service, and throwing off the chains of sin and of Satan, may we rise to the full liberty of the children of God; and be fitted, Sabbath after Sabbath, as we advance in age, for the enjoyment of an eternal Sabbath in Thy presence in heaven; which blessings we ask in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

ON THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT.

O LORD Almighty, teach us to reverence Thee above all things, as our Father who art in heaven; and, in obedience to Thy will, to discharge all the duties which Thou hast required of us, to

our rulers and magistrates, to our spiritual pastors and our personal and family connections. Grant that we may always honor and obey all who are placed over us by Thy good providence; and may pray for them continually, through the merits and intercession of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ON THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT.

O LORD, who hast taught us, that he who hateth his brother without a cause is a murderer; that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him; and that love is the fulfilling of the law;—enable us by Thy grace to govern our hearts and regulate our tempers according to the perfect rule of charity. May we follow the spirit of our blessed Master, who, when He was reviled, reviled not again; and who taught us, after His example, to love our enemies; to bless them that persecute us, and to overcome evil with good. May the grace of Thy Holy Spirit watch over us for good; and teach us, in the brotherhood of Christ, to love all Thy creatures for His sake, to whom with Thee, O Father, we would render homage forever. Amen.

ON THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT.

O LORD GOD Almighty, who hast taught us, that without holiness no man shall see Thee, and hast commanded us to be holy as Thou art holy, enable us, being renewed and sanctified by Thy grace, to serve Thee in body, soul, and spirit. Teach us to make a covenant with our eyes, that they look not on any thing which may lead us to evil, and with our imaginations that they abstain from every thought of sin. Grant us grace to avoid every thing which is displeasing to Thy holy nature; and to crucify the flesh with its affections and lusts. Enable us to keep under our bodies, and to bring them into subjection; may our hearts be a fit habitation for Thy Spirit, whom, with Thee and the blessed Redeemer, we would glorify for ever. Amen.

ON THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT.

O LORD GOD, from whom alone proceed all the good things which we enjoy, who hast determined the bounds of our habitation, and hast allotted to each of us such a share of Thy gifts as Thou seest best for us, grant us, we beseech Thee, to receive our

portion at Thy hands, whether it be much or little, not only with contentment, but with gratitude. Enlighten our understandings and sanctify our desires, so that we may never seek that which Thou hast forbidden; or injure our neighbor in respect to that which Thou hast bestowed upon him. May we be guarded from that inordinate selfishness which our fallen nature too often exhibits; and may we do unto all men whatsoever we would that they should do unto us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ON THE NINTH COMMANDMENT.

O GOD, who art the God of all truth and holiness, strengthen us that we may flee from every snare of the devil, who is the father of lies: and enlighten and direct us, that we may always speak truth to our neighbor; and that, while we avoid all malice and deceit towards him, we may likewise avoid all hypocrisy towards Thee. Guard us from that levity by which we may injure our neighbor for our own pleasure, and from that malice by which we may wrong him by deliberate falsehood. May our tongues be consecrated to Thy glory, and with our lips, as in our lives, may we show forth Thy praise; all which we ask in the name of our blessed Redeemer. Amen.

ON THE TENTH COMMANDMENT.

ALMIGHTY God, who triest the reins and the heart, and who knowest all our secret transgressions; who wilt hereafter bring our desires as well as our works into judgment, strengthen us to drive away all envy and wantonness from the inner man, and conform our souls to Thee, the Father of purity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ADVENT.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we render Thee most hearty thanks, that after man, created in Thine own image, had fallen under the curse of sin and death, Thou didst not leave him to perish in helpless misery, but didst provide a Saviour, and proclaim to the fathers, by the mouth of Thy prophets and holy men of old, the advent of Thy dear Son, the hope of Israel, the desire of all nations, the Redeemer of the world, that by believing on Him, we might have the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting; to whom with Thee

and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, be glory and thanksgiving, world without end. Amen.

THE INCARNATION.

O THOU only-begotten Son of God, Light of Light, God of God, very God of very God, who, in the fulness of time wast made flesh and didst take upon Thyself all our sins and infirmities, that we might have salvation from sin and eternal life in Thee; we bless Thee for Thy holy incarnation; and with the multitude of angels who proclaimed Thy birth, and with Thy people among all nations, we unite in singing glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Amen.

FOR THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast graciously brought us to the close of another year, we thank Thee for all the mercies that have been vouchsafed to us, our escape from dangers seen and unseen, our opportunities for doing good, and our seasons of communion with Thee. Forgive, we beseech Thee, our numberless sins and shortcomings. May our offences, through the blood of Christ, all be buried with the closing year, to rise up against us no more for ever; and grant that whatever time may be further granted us upon the earth may be employed in Thy fear and to Thy service, so that when time for us shall be no longer, we may spend with Thee a blessed eternity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE BEGINNING OF A YEAR.

WE acknowledge with thankfulness, O our God, Thy fatherly care over us, in bringing us safely to the beginning of another year. Give us grace, we pray Thee, to devote ourselves afresh to Thy service, and may we glorify Thee in newness of heart and life; that whenever our mortal course shall be completed, and our existence no longer measured by months and years, we may be for ever happy in Thy presence and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EPIPHANY.

ALMIGHTY God, who by the light of a glorious star didst make known Thy only-begotten Son to the wise men coming from afar to worship Him; mercifully grant that all nations may come to

the light of the gospel, and that we who know Thee now by faith, may be conducted to the full vision of Thy glory in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

CHRIST'S LIFE AND EXAMPLE.

O BLESSED Jesus, who wast tempted as we are tempted, yet without sin, and who by Thy perfect obedience to the will of Thy heavenly Father, didst fulfil all righteousness and leave us an example; assist us, we beseech Thee, in our infirmity and enable us by Thy spirit so to follow Thy steps, that we may daily grow in grace and be transformed more and more into Thy glorious image, to the praise of Thy holy name. Amen.

THE PASSION.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, who by Thy bitter passion and crucifixion hast redeemed us from the curse of sin, the power of death, and the woe of damnation; most heartily do we thank Thee for Thine unspeakable love, for every burden Thou didst bear, for every tear Thou didst weep, for every pain Thou didst suffer, for every conflict Thou didst endure, for every drop of blood Thou didst shed for us, Thine enemies; and we humbly beseech Thee to give us grace, that, being dead unto sin, we may live unto righteousness all our days, and attain at last to the glory of the blessed resurrection. Amen.

EASTER EVE.

O LORD JESUS, who by Thy rest in the grave and departure from the body, hast sanctified the tomb and opened the gate of paradise to all believers; grant unto us, we beseech Thee, that being crucified with Thee to sin, we may rest in peace and attain with the whole army of the redeemed unto the glorious resurrection to life everlasting. Amen.

EASTER.

O THOU Prince of Life and first-begotten of the dead! who by Thy glorious resurrection hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; enable us by Thy heavenly grace

to walk in newness of life, and to abound in the fruits of righteousness; so that we may at last triumph over death and the grave, and rise in Thy likeness, having our vile bodies changed into the fashion of Thine own glorious body, who art God over all, blessed for ever. Amen.

THE ASCENSION.

O LORD JESUS, who sittest at the right hand of God the Father, as King of saints and eternal High Priest, far above all principality and power, and every name that is named, Give us grace, we beseech Thee, that being delivered from the curse and power of sin, we may ever seek the things that are above; that when Thou who art our life shall appear, we also may appear with Thee in glory everlasting, to praise and to enjoy Thee, with the Father and Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

THE LOVE OF CHRIST.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who didst so love the world as to give Thine only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life: mercifully grant unto us, we beseech Thee, that Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith, so that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend, with all saints, what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height, and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be glory in the church throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

FAITH IN CHRIST.

ALMIGHTY God, who has revealed Thyself in Thy Son Jesus Christ as a God of infinite love and wisdom, and who dost offer us in Him complete salvation and everlasting bliss; work in us by Thy Holy Spirit a hearty, constant, and abiding faith in Thee and in Thy Son, that we may never be ashamed to confess Him before men, and, following His holy example may overcome the world, abound in fruits of righteousness, and having fought the good fight of faith, attain at last the crown of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

CHRIST OUR REFUGE.

O BLESSED Jesus! who dost invite all that labor and are heavy-laden to come unto Thee, that they may find rest for their souls; mercifully enable us, we beseech Thee, so to cleave to Thee, that in all the trials and temptations of this mortal life, we may do Thy will, and enjoy Thy peace, which the world cannot give nor take away. Amen.

CHRIST OUR PEACE.

BLESSED Saviour! who by the shedding of Thy precious blood on the cross, and by Thy glorious triumph over death and hell, hast procured for us the remission of sins, and the peace with God which passeth all understanding; grant unto us, we humbly beseech Thee, such an abiding sense of Thy presence, that, amidst the trials and tribulations of this mortal life, our hearts may be at peace in the enjoyment of Thy favor, and in hopeful anticipation of the glory of the saints in light, who praise Thee, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, for ever and ever. Amen.

UNION WITH CHRIST.

HOLY Saviour, who art the true vine from which we derive our spiritual life and nourishment, and without whom we can do nothing but wither and die; be pleased, we beseech Thee, so to unite us to Thyself, by the power of the Holy Ghost, and through the bond of a living faith, that, being partakers of Thy divine nature, we may bring forth much fruit, and for ever abide in Thee, as Thou dost abide in us, until we shall see Thee as Thou art, and glorify and enjoy Thee, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAISE AND ADORATION.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, in whom the whole fulness of the Godhead and manhood without sin, dwelleth in one person for ever; who, for us men and for our salvation, didst die and rise again, and now sittest at the right hand of the Father Almighty, as our Prophet, Priest, and King, able and willing to save to the uttermost all that come unto God by Thee; Thou art worthy to receive the grateful homage of all ages, and creeds, and tongues; and, with the

glorious company of the apostles, with the goodly fellowship of the prophets, with the noble army of martyrs, with the holy Church throughout all the world, with the heavenly Jerusalem, the joyful assembly of the first born on high, with the innumerable host of angels around Thy throne, the heaven of heavens, and all the powers therein, we worship and adore Thy glorious name, saying with a loud voice: Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. Amen.

FAITH.

O HOLY SPIRIT, who wast poured upon the Apostles, and wast promised unto us by Jesus our Redeemer, to kindle in us a true faith and calling upon God; make, we pray Thee to arise in our hearts a true fear of God, and a true faith in the mercy which the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ hath promised for His Son's sake. Be Thou our comforter in all dangers, enlighten our understandings, and fill our hearts with spiritual desires, and so renew us both in soul and body that we may die unto sin and live unto righteousness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

KNOWLEDGE.

ALMIGHTY Father, give unto us the spirit of wisdom, and bring us unto the true knowledge of Thy Son Jesus Christ, and of Thyself, as revealed in Him. Enlighten the eyes of our understanding that we may know what is the hope of our calling, and what the riches of the glory of Thine inheritance in the Saints, and the exceeding greatness of Thy power toward them that believe; that by true faith we may be indeed Thy children; worshiping Thee in spirit and in truth; and showing forth the glory of Thy grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROTECTION.

O GOD, who knowest our nature to be perverse and apt to sin; take from us all those evils and occasions which may draw us away from Thee. Protect, defend, and strengthen us against the assaults of our enemies; that being neither high-minded in prosperity, nor fearful in tribulation, we may endure the trial of our faith,

and having finished our course in victory, may evermore dwell with Thee in Thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LIGHT.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, who art the true Sun of the world, who by Thy life-giving beams dost bring forth, preserve, and nourish all things in heaven and in earth, we beseech Thee mercifully to shine into our hearts, that the darkness of sin and the mists of error on every side may be driven away; and that we may go forward in Thy light without stumbling or offence; having no fellowship with the works of darkness, but abounding in all those good works which Thou hast prepared for us to walk in; and to Thee, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, shall be the praise both now and evermore. Amen.

OBEDIENCE.

O ALMIGHTY God, who in Thy mercy hast not only delivered unto us a rule of godly living, but hast revealed Thyself in the Lord Jesus Christ as our Father, with intent to write Thy law in our hearts; suffer us not, by our ingratitude or sloth, to cast away this inestimable blessing; but may we offer ourselves unto Thee our souls and our bodies, to be a reasonable, true, and living sacrifice, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WANDERING.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, who by Thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications for all men, we beseech Thee to bring back all such as are ignorant or out of the way, to the understanding of Thy heavenly truth. Breathe into their hearts by Thy Holy Spirit the most precious gift of faith, that, truly believing in Thee, they may be justified and received into Thy favor, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RENEWAL.

O BOUNTIFUL Saviour, have pity upon us, and despise not our prayers. Create in us a pure heart, and renew a right spirit within us. Bind up the wounds of our souls, wash them with Thy precious blood, and heal them through the anointing of Thy Holy

Spirit. Repair that heavenly image which is defaced in us through sin, and adorn it again with Thine own righteousness; that we, being renewed and sanctified, may render acceptable praises to Thee in Thy holy Church, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost art one God, blessed forever. Amen.

TRANSFORMATION.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, who wast crucified for us, grant that we, being crucified with Thee, may rise again with Thee to everlasting life. Grant that we may put off the old Adam, and in newness of life may be transformed into Thy likeness; all sin, unbelief, and the whole tyranny of Satan being vanquished and overcome. Grant that by Thy cross and suffering, Thy yoke may be made light to us, and Thy burden easy; that willingly and gladly following Thee, we may come whither Thou art gone; even to Thy Father most blessed and immortal, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and praise, forever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYERS.

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of Thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation, that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, we may ever be defended by Thy most gracious and ready help, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through Thy grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living; to the honor and praise of Thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, bless, we beseech Thee, the instructions of holy Scripture which we have heard this day, and all the services of Thy sanctuary; that our hearts may be inclined to love and to fear Thee; that we may serve Thee faithfully whilst we live; and that, having profited by the means and opportunities afforded for our salvation during this life, we may be received into the temple of Thy glory, to praise Thee forever in the assembly of the saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we offer up our prayers. Amen.

DIRECT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy Name, and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, the Fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking, we beseech Thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

AFTER AN EVENING LECTURE.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who art the Author and Giver of all good, we humbly and thankfully acknowledge Thy manifold mercies to Thy sinful creatures. We bless Thee for the benefits which we have received during the day past, and for the favor of this opportunity of worshiping in Thy house. Pardon, we beseech Thee, the sins that we may have committed in Thy presence. Accept the prayers and thanksgivings which we have offered before Thee. Forgive us wherein we have asked amiss. Grant that what has been faithfully asked, according to Thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the supplying of what we need, and to the promotion of Thy glory and praise. Grant, O Lord, that what has been read this evening from Thy word, and what has been spoken according to Thy will, may be to all who have heard it a savor of life unto life; may it be so impressed upon our hearts as to establish, strengthen, and settle us in the faith of Jesus Christ, and bring forth in us the fruit of righteousness and peace. We pray that Thy good Spirit may go with us to our respective dwellings; may Thy kind, protecting Providence watch over us whilst we sleep; preserve us through the silent watches of the night, and fit us for the duties of the following day. And whilst our lives are prolonged upon the earth, take us, we beseech Thee, O heavenly Father, and all that is near and dear to us, under Thy holy care and keeping. Direct our steps in the paths of righteousness and peace, and dispose all our ways towards the attainment

of everlasting salvation, that in this world we may live to Thy glory, and in the world to come enjoy eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benedictions.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

THE blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon us, and remain with us now and forever. Amen.

GRACE, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour, and from the Holy Ghost the Comforter, be unto us, and all whom we should remember, now and forever. Amen.

THE Lord bless us and keep us: the Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us; the Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. Amen.

GOD the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep us: the Lord mercifully with His favor look upon us, and fill us with all spiritual benediction and grace, that we may so live in this life that in the world to come we may have life everlasting. Amen.

THE God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do His will, working in us that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst us, and remain with us always. Amen.

THE ORDER FOR THE

Christening of Infants,

OR THE

Consecration of Children to the Lord.

At the time appointed, the Parents and Sponsors, with the Child, standing before the Minister, let him say:

Hear the words of the Gospel, written by St. Mark, in the tenth chapter, at the thirteenth verse:

THEY brought young children to Christ, that He should touch them; and His disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily, I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them.

EXHORTATION.

BELOVED, ye hear in this Gospel the words of our Saviour Christ; that He commanded the children to be brought unto Him; how He blamed those who would have kept them from Him; how He exhorted all persons to follow their innocency. Ye perceive how, by His outward gesture and deed, He declared His good-will towards them: for He embraced them in His arms, He laid His hands upon them, and blessed them. Doubt ye not, therefore, but earnestly believe, that He will likewise favorably receive *this* present *infant;* that He will embrace *him* in the arms of His mercy, that He will give unto *him* the blessing of eternal life, and make *him a partaker* of His everlasting kingdom. Wherefore, being thus persuaded of the good-will of our heavenly Father towards *this infant*, let us humbly and devoutly call upon Him and say:

ALMIGHTY God, Eternal Father, who by Thy holy prophet hast taught us that children are an heritage of the Lord, who also didst enjoin

upon Thy chosen people Israel to teach their children Thy statutes and ordinances, and who, through Thine apostle St. Peter, hast assured us that the promise is unto us and to our children, we beseech Thee, receive this child into the covenant of Thy mercy, take it into the embrace of Thy protection and love, and so carefully guard it, O Thou tender Shepherd of our souls, through all the trials and temptations of this mortal life, that in the end it may safely arrive at Thy blessed fold, the Church of the first-born in heaven, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

TO THE PARENTS AND SPONSORS.

DEARLY beloved, we have prayed that our merciful Father would vouchsafe to receive *this child* into His flock, and give *him* the kingdom of heaven and everlasting life. To this prayer ye should add the promise of a faithful Christian nurture, which, therefore, in the presence of God and of this congregation, I now demand of you.

WILL you bring up *this child* in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; will you teach *him* from *his* earliest years the nature of that covenant, under the shelter of which *he* stands, and do all that in you lies, to bring *him* to the knowledge and faith of *his* Saviour Christ?

Answer. I will, the Lord being my helper.

Minister. Will you be careful to fashion yourselves after the rule and doctrine of Christ, and to make yourselves, as much as lieth in you, wholesome examples to *this child?*

Answer. I will, with the Lord's help.

Minister. Will you abound in prayer for *this child*, praying always with all prayer and supplication in the spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance?

Answer. I will, by the help of God.

Minister.

O MERCIFUL God, grant that the old Adam in *this child* may be so buried that the new man may be raised up in *him*. Amen.

Grant that all sinful affections may die in *him*, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in *him*. Amen.

Grant that *he* may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph against the devil, the world, and the flesh. Amen.

Grant that *he* may receive the fulness of Thy grace, and ever remain in the number of Thy faithful children, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the Minister should take the child into his hands, and say to the Parents or Sponsors:

NAME THIS CHILD.

Then, naming it after them, he should say:

N. WE consecrate thee to the Lord,* in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

WE receive *this child* into the congregation of Christ's flock, in trust that hereafter *he* shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under His banner against sin, the world, and the devil, and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto *his* life's end. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER. [*All kneeling.*]

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name: Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us: and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

WE yield Thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, that we have been permitted to consecrate *this child* to Thee, and most humbly do we implore Thee by Thy grace to make *him* henceforth and wholly Thine. Let Thy law be put within *his* mind, and written in *his* heart, that dying with Christ to sin, and rising with Him to righteousness, and growing up into Him in all things, *he* may finally, with the residue of Thy holy Church, be made *an inheritor* of Thine everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

AND, we beseech Thee, O Blessed Redeemer, hasten the time when all the children that are born to the sons of men shall be instructed in Thy Word, enlightened by Thy Spirit, and kept in paths of purity and peace; so that, having glorified Thee in their generation, and served Thee in Thy Church on earth, they may finally be received into Thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our only Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

Then, all standing up, the Minister should say to the Parents and Sponsors, as follows:

FORASMUCH as ye have promised to bring up *this child* in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, I exhort you to have always in remembrance what a solemn and weighty obligation ye have here assumed. And as ye cannot, without God's help, faithfully fulfil so great a trust, I beseech you to pray earnestly for the aid of His Holy Spirit, that instructing *this child* in the truths of God's holy Word, *he* may speedily be led to a knowledge of Christ and faith in Him, and to a walk and conversation answerable thereto; so that, having arrived at years of discretion, *he* may be ready to profess *his* faith in Christ, and take upon *himself* the obligations which such a profession involves.

* Or, "I baptize thee;" in which case water should be applied.

THE ORDER FOR THE

Administration of Baptism.

When persons are to be baptized, timely notice should be given to the Minister, that due care may be taken for their examination, whether they be sufficiently instructed in the principles of the Christian Religion, and prepared to come in penitence and faith to this holy ordinance.

And if they shall be found fit, then may they present themselves, with their witnesses, at the Font, immediately after the Second Lesson at Morning or Evening Prayer.

Minister.

Hear the words of the Gospel, written by St. Matthew, in the twenty-eighth chapter, beginning at the sixteenth verse:

THEN the eleven disciples went into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

EXHORTATION.

BELOVED, ye hear in this Gospel the express command which our Saviour Christ gave to His disciples, saying, Go ye and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: whereby ye may perceive the great importance of this ordinance, where it may be had. For which cause, St. Peter the Apostle, when, upon his first preaching of the Gospel, many were pricked at the heart, and said to him and the rest of the Apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? replied and said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you and your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. And with many other words exhorted he them, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward

generation. For (as the same apostle testifieth in another place), even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience towards God), by the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Doubt ye not, therefore, but earnestly believe, that God will graciously receive *these* present *persons*, truly repenting, and coming to Him by faith; that He will strengthen *them* with His Holy Spirit, and perfect that good work which He has begun in *them*, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Wherefore, we being thus persuaded of the good-will of our Heavenly Father towards *these persons*, let us faithfully and devoutly give thanks unto Him and say:

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, heavenly Father, we give Thee humble thanks, that Thou hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of Thy grace and faith in Thee: increase this knowledge and confirm this faith in us evermore. Bless *these* Thy *servants*, who are now visibly received into Thy Church, that *they* may be filled with Thy Spirit, and kept by Thy perpetual mercy, and may continue steadfast in the confession of Thy holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then let the Minister speak to the persons to be baptized on this wise:

WELL-BELOVED, who are come hither desiring to be baptized, ye have heard how we have prayed that our merciful Father would vouchsafe to receive you, and bless you, and to fill you with the Holy Ghost. Ye know also that He hath promised, in His holy word, to grant those things that we have prayed for; which promise He will most surely keep and perform. Wherefore, after this promise made by God, ye must also faithfully, in the presence of these your witnesses and this whole congregation, promise and answer to the following questions:

DOST thou renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the sinful desires of the flesh, so that thou wilt not follow nor be led by them?

Answer. I renounce them all; and, by God's help, will endeavor not to follow, nor be led by them.

Minister. Dost thou believe all the articles of the Christian Faith, as contained in the Apostles' Creed?

Answer. I do.

Minister. Wilt thou be baptized in this Faith?

Answer. That is my desire.

Minister. Wilt thou then obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of thy life?

Answer. I will, by God's help.

Minister.

O MERCIFUL God, grant that the old Adam in *these persons* may be so buried that the new man may be raised up in *them*. Amen.

Grant that all sinful affections may die in *them*, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in *them*. Amen.

Grant that *they* may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph against the devil, the world, and the flesh. Amen.

Grant that having dedicated *themselves* to Thee, *they* may be endued with heavenly virtues, and everlastingly rewarded, through Thy mercy, O blessed Lord God, who dost live, and govern all things, world without end. Amen.

ALMIGHTY, everlasting God, whose most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, before He ascended into heaven, gave commandment to His disciples that they should go teach all nations, and baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, regard, we beseech Thee, our supplications, and grant that *these persons* now to be baptized, may receive the fulness of Thy grace, and ever remain among the number of Thy faithful children, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then should the Minister take each person to be baptized by the right hand, and placing him conveniently by the Font, ask the witnesses the name; and then immerse him in water, or pour water upon him, saying:

N. I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

WE receive *this person* into the congregation of Christ's flock, in trust that hereafter *he* shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under His banner against sin, the world, and the devil, and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto *his* life's end. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER. [*All kneeling.*]

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name: Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us: and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we beseech Thee, for Thine infinite mercies, that Thou wilt look mercifully upon *these* Thy *servants*, who have now, by baptism, been visibly incorporated into Thy holy Church; that, being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in charity, *they* may so pass the waves of this troublesome world, that finally *they* may

come to the land of everlasting life, there to reign with Thee, world without end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then, all standing up, let the Minister, speaking to the witnesses, say:

FORASMUCH as *these persons have* promised, in your presence, to renounce the devil and all his works, to believe in God, and to serve Him, ye must remember that it is your part and duty to put *them* in mind what a solemn vow, promise, and profession *they have* now made before this congregation, and especially before you their chosen witnesses. And ye are also to call upon *them* to use all diligence to be rightly instructed in God's holy Word, that so *they* may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, and live godly, righteously, and soberly in this present world.

And then, speaking to the Baptized, let him say:

AND as for you, who have now in baptism openly acknowledged Christ, it is your part and duty also, being the *children* of God and of the light, by faith in Jesus Christ, to walk answerably to your Christian calling, and as becometh the children of light; remembering always that Baptism representeth unto us our profession, which is to follow the example of our Saviour Christ, and to be made like unto Him; that as He died and rose again for us, so should we, who are baptized, die from sin, and rise again unto righteousness, continually mortifying all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily proceeding in all virtue and godliness of living.

If it be necessary to baptize adults in private, on account of extreme sickness, this Service may be used, or any portion of it, as the Minister may think best.

When this Service is used after the Second Lesson, at Morning or Evening Prayer, it may take the place of the remainder of said Prayer.

THE ORDER OF

Confirmation,

OR

Laying on of Hands upon those who are Baptized, and are desiring to come to the Lord's Supper.

At the time appointed, all who are to be Confirmed, standing in order before the Minister, let him read the following

PREFACE.

IT is consistent and proper that persons being now come to the years of discretion, should, when led by the Holy Spirit into the faith of the Gospel, and a hearty desire to follow the same, ratify and confirm with their own mouth and consent, openly before the Church, the promises made in their baptism; and also promise that by heavenly grace they will evermore strive to live as becometh the disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Minister [addressing the Candidates].

DO ye here, in the presence of God and of this congregation, renew the solemn promise and vow made at your baptism; ratifying and confirming the same; and will ye endeavor in the comfort and strength of the Holy Ghost, to live as befitteth the acknowledged children of our Lord Jesus Christ?

And let every one audibly answer,

I DO.

Minister.

OUR help is in the Name of the Lord;

Answer. Who hath made heaven and earth.

Minister. Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

Answer. Henceforth, world without end.

Minister. Lord, hear our prayer.

Answer. And let our cry come unto Thee.

Minister. Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, vouchsafe to strengthen these Thy servants, we beseech Thee, with the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, and daily increase in them Thy manifold gifts of grace; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and fill them, O Lord, with the spirit of Thy holy fear, now and forever. Amen.

Then all of them in order kneeling before the Minister, let him lay his hands upon the head of every one severally, saying:

DEFEND, O Lord, this Thy *servant* with Thy heavenly grace; that *he* may continue Thine forever; and daily increase in Thy Holy Spirit more and more, until *he* come unto Thy everlasting kingdom. Amen.

Minister.

THE Lord be with you

Answer. And with Thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray. [*All kneeling.*]

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

And these Collects.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who makest us both to will and to do those things which are good, and acceptable unto Thy Divine Majesty; We make our humble supplications unto Thee for these Thy servants, upon whom we have now laid our hands, to certify them by this sign of Thy favor and gracious goodness towards them. Let Thy fatherly hand, we beseech Thee, ever be over them; let Thy Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of Thy Word, that in the end they may obtain everlasting life; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

O ALMIGHTY Lord and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of Thy laws and in the works of Thy commandments; that through Thy most mighty protection, both now and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

BENEDICTION.

THE blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you, and remain with you forever. Amen.

THE FORM OF

Solemnization of Matrimony.

The laws respecting matrimony, whether by publishing the banns in churches or by license, being different in the several States, every Minister is left to the direction of those laws, in every thing that regards the civil contract between the parties.

And when the banns are published, it should be in the following form:—I publish the Banns of Marriage between M. of ——, and N. of ——. If any of you know cause or just impediment why these two persons should not be joined together in holy matrimony, ye are to declare it. [*This is the first, second, or third time of asking.*]

At the day and time appointed for solemnization of matrimony, the persons to be married should come into the body of the church, or be ready in some proper house, with their friends and neighbors; and there standing together, the man on the right hand, and the woman on the left, the Minister should say,

DEARLY beloved, we are gathered together here in the sight of God and in the face of this company, to join together this man and this woman in holy matrimony, which is commended of Saint Paul to be honorable among all men, and therefore is not by any to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, discreetly, advisedly, soberly, and in the fear of God. Into this holy estate these two persons present come now to be joined. If any man can show just cause why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now speak, or else hereafter forever hold his peace.

And also, speaking unto the persons who are to be married, he should say,

I REQUIRE and charge you both (as ye will answer at the dreadful day of judgment, when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed), that, if either of you know any impediment why ye may not be lawfully joined together in matrimony, ye do now confess it; for be ye well assured, that if any persons are joined together otherwise than as God's Word doth allow, their marriage is not lawful.

The Minister, if he shall have reason to doubt of the lawfulness of the proposed marriage, may demand sufficient surety for his indemnification, but if no impediment shall be alleged, or suspected, the Minister should say to the man,

M. WILT thou have this woman to thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance, in the holy estate of matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honor, and keep her, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto her, so long as ye both shall live?

The man shall answer,

I WILL.

Then should the Minister say unto the woman,

M. WILT thou have this man to thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance, in the holy estate of matrimony? Wilt thou obey him, and serve him, love, honor, and keep him, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto him, so long as ye both shall live?

The woman shall answer,

I WILL.

Minister.

WHO giveth this woman to be married to this man?

Then should they give their troth to each other in this manner:

The Minister, receiving the woman at her father's or friend's hands, should cause the man, with his right hand, to take the woman by her right hand, and to say after him as followeth:

I *M.* take thee *N.* to my wedded wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I plight thee my troth.

Then should they loose their hands, and the woman, with her right hand taking the man by his right hand, should likewise say after the Minister,

I *N.* take thee *M.* to my wedded husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love, cherish, and to obey, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I give thee my troth.

Then should they again loose their hands, and the man give unto the woman a ring, and the Minister, taking the ring, deliver it unto the man to put it upon the fourth finger of the woman's left hand; and the man, holding the ring there, and taught by the Minister, should say,

WITH this ring I thee wed, and with all my worldly goods I thee endow, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then the man, leaving the ring upon the fourth finger of the woman's left hand, the Minister should say,

LET US PRAY.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

O ETERNAL God, Creator and Preserver of all mankind, Giver of all spiritual Grace, the Author of everlasting life, send Thy blessing upon these Thy servants, this man and this woman, whom we bless in Thy name; that as Isaac and Rebecca lived faithfully together, so these persons may surely perform and keep the vow and covenant between them made (whereof this ring, given and received, is a token and pledge), and may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and live according to Thy laws, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then let the Minister join their right hands together, and say,

THOSE whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.

Then let the Minister speak unto the company:

FORASMUCH as *M.* and *N.* have consented together in holy wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this company, and thereto have given and pledged their troth, each to the other, and have declared the same by giving and receiving a ring, and by joining hands; I pronounce, that they are man and wife, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

And let the Minister add this Blessing:

GOD the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep you: the Lord mercifully with His favor look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace, that ye may so live together in this life, that in the world to come ye may have life everlasting. Amen.

Visitation of the Sick.

SUITABLE PASSAGES OF HOLY SCRIPTURE, TO BE READ IN THE SICK-ROOM.

THE beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by Him; and the Lord shall cover him all the day long, and he shall dwell between His shoulders.

Thy shoes shall be iron and brass; and as thy days, so shall thy strength be.

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul, and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for His Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff comfort me.

The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom then shall I be afraid?

For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His tabernacle; yea, in the secret place of His dwelling shall He hide me, and set me upon a rock of stone.

Thou hast been my succor; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

When my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord taketh me up.

Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope and my stronghold; my God, in Him will I trust.

For He shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter, and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall defend thee under His wings, and thou shalt be safe under His feathers; His faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of His servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the Name of the Lord, and stay upon his God.

It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not.

They are new every morning; great is Thy faithfulness.

The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in Him.

The Lord is good unto them that wait for Him, to the soul that seeketh Him.

For the Lord will not cast off forever:

But though He cause grief, yet will He have compassion according to the multitude of His mercies.

For He doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men.

The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and He knoweth them that trust in Him.

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;

Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.

Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea, rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

(As it is written, for Thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.)

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.

For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.

And thou shalt call His name Jesus; for He shall save His people from their sins.

In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins.

By one offering He hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

The Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

This is my blood, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin.

If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. I write to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you, for His Name's sake.

He was manifested to take away our sins.

Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we being dead to sin should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

That loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood.

Wherefore, I say unto thee, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little.

And He said unto her, thy sins are forgiven.

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

To the general assembly and church of the first-born, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

And to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

See that ye refuse not Him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who

refused Him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from Him that speaketh from heaven.

We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

For we which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

Although the fig-tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls:

Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

And call upon me in the time of trouble; so will I hear thee, and thou shalt praise me.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him?

He will be very gracious unto thee, at the voice of thy cry: when He shall hear it, He will answer thee.

Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and He shall say, Here I am.

And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and whilst they are yet speaking, I will hear.

And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name I will do it.

And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up: and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of His understanding.

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might He increaseth strength.

Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young man shall utterly fall.

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

A bruised reed shall He not break, and the smoking flax shall He not quench: He shall bring forth judgment unto truth.

Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.

Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense; He will come and save you.

And He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Blessed is the man whom Thou chastenest, O Lord, and teachest him out of Thy law.

That Thou mayst give him rest from the days of adversity.

Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept Thy word.

THE Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified.

For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife.

Wherein God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath:

That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high-priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

I, even I, am He that comforteth you: who art thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made as grass;

And forgettest the Lord thy Maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and hast feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy? and where is the fury of the oppressor?

So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

There the wicked cease from troubling; and there the weary be at rest.

There the prisoners rest together; they hear not the voice of the oppressor.

And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To-day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

FOR we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven.

If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.

For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also who sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him.

For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them who are asleep.

For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

LET not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they who came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple: and He that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

And I saw no temple therein; for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

And He showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

In the midst of the street of it and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and His servants shall serve Him:

And they shall see His face; and His name shall be in their foreheads.

And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

EXHORTATION.

DEARLY beloved, know this, that Almighty God is the Lord of life and death, and of all things to them pertaining; as youth, strength, health, age, weakness, and sickness. Wherefore, whatsoever your sickness be, know you certainly that it is God's visitation. And for what cause soever this sickness be sent unto you; whether it be to try your patience for the example of others, and that your faith may be found in the day of the Lord laudable, glorious, and honorable, to the increase of glory and endless felicity; or else it be sent unto you to correct and amend in you whatsoever doth offend the eyes of your heavenly Father; know you certainly, that if you truly repent you of

your sins, and bear your sickness patiently, trusting in God's mercy for His dear Son Jesus Christ's sake, and render unto Him humble thanks for His fatherly visitation, submitting yourself wholly unto His will, it shall turn to your profit, and help you forward in the right way that leadeth unto everlasting life.

If the person visited be very sick, then the Minister may end his Exhortation in this place, or else proceed.

TAKE therefore in good part the chastisement of the Lord: For (as Saint Paul saith in the twelfth chapter to the Hebrews) whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye not sons. Furthermore, we have had fathers of our flesh, which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but He for our profit, that we might be partakers of His holiness. These words, good *brother*, are written in holy Scripture for our comfort and instruction; that we should patiently and with thanksgiving bear our heavenly Father's correction, whensoever, by any manner of adversity, it shall please His gracious goodness to visit us. And there should be no greater comfort to Christian persons than to be made like unto Christ, by suffering patiently adversities, troubles, and sickness. For He Himself went not up to joy, but first He suffered pain; He entered not into His glory before He was crucified. So truly our way to eternal joy is to suffer here with Christ; and our door to enter into eternal life is gladly to die with Christ; that we may rise again from death, and dwell with Him in everlasting life. Now therefore, taking your sickness, which is thus profitable for you, patiently, I exhort you, in the Name of God, to remember the profession which you made unto God in your Baptism. And forasmuch as after this life there is an account to be given unto the righteous Judge, by whom all must be judged, without respect of persons, I require you to examine yourself and your estate, both toward God and man; so that, accusing and condemning yourself for your own faults, you may find mercy at our heavenly Father's hand for Christ's sake, and not be accused and condemned in that fearful judgment. Therefore I shall rehearse to you the Articles of our Faith; that you may know whether you do believe as a Christian man should, or no.

Here the Minister should rehearse the Articles of the Faith, saying thus:

DOST thou believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth?

And in Jesus Christ His only-begotten Son our Lord? And that He was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; that He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; and also did rise again the

third day; that he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; and from thence shall come again, at the end of the world, to judge the quick and the dead?

And dost thou believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Church universal, the Communion of Saints; the Remission of sins; the Resurrection of the body; and everlasting Life after death?

Here let the sick person answer:

ALL this I steadfastly believe.

Then should the Minister examine whether he repent him truly of his sins, and be in charity with all the world; exhorting him to forgive from the bottom of his heart all persons that have offended him; and if he hath offended any other, to ask them forgiveness; and where he hath done injury or wrong to any man, that he make amends to the uttermost of his power. And if he hath not before disposed of his goods, let him then be admonished to make his will, and to declare his debts, what he oweth and what is owing unto him, for the better discharging of his conscience, and the quietness of his executors. But men should often be put in remembrance to take order for the settling of their temporal estates, whilst they are in health.

The Minister should not omit earnestly to move such sick persons as are of ability, to be liberal to the poor.

PRAYERS

To be used at the discretion of the Minister.

O LORD, look down from heaven, behold, visit, and relieve this Thy servant. Look upon *him* with the eyes of Thy mercy, give *him* comfort and sure confidence in Thee, defend *him* from the danger of the enemy, and keep *him* in perpetual peace and safety; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HEAR us, Almighty and most merciful God and Saviour, extend Thy accustomed goodness to this Thy servant, who is grieved with sickness. Sanctify, we beseech Thee, this Thy fatherly correction to *him*; that the sense of *his* weakness may add strength to *his* faith, and seriousness to *his* repentance; That, if it shall be Thy good pleasure to restore *him* to *his* former health, *he* may lead the residue of *his* life in Thy fear and to Thy glory: or else give *him* grace so to take Thy visitation, that after this painful life ended, *he* may dwell with Thee in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O MOST merciful God, who, according to the multitude of Thy mercies, dost so put away the sins of those who truly repent, that Thou rememberest them no more; Open Thine eye of mercy upon this Thy servant, who most earnestly desireth pardon and forgiveness. Renew in *him*, most loving

Father, whatsoever hath been decayed by the fraud and malice of the devil, or by *his* own carnal will and frailness; preserve and continue this sick member in the unity of the Church; consider *his* contrition, accept *his* tears, assuage *his pain*, as shall seem to Thee most expedient for *him*. And forasmuch as *he* putteth *his* full trust only in Thy mercy, impute not unto *him his* former sins, but strengthen *him* with Thy blessed Spirit and when Thou art pleased to take *him* hence, take *him* unto Thy favor; through the merits of Thy most dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O THOU Father of mercies, and God of comfort, who art the hope of all who put their trust in Thee, look down upon our sick *brother* with an eye of compassion; be gracious to *him* according to the necessity of *his* case, and according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies in Christ Jesus. We beseech Thee, O Lord, to abate *his* distemper; to give *him* ease instead of pain, and relief under every complaint. Give skill to the physician, success to means, and an happy restoration to *his* former ease, health, strength, and usefulness in life. Whatever Thou deniest, O deny *him* not an interest in Thy favor and love! Be Thou *his* portion and inheritance, *his* Father, *his* eternal and unchangeable Friend, the support of *his* life, the relief of *his* soul under all *his* afflictions and troubles with which *he* may meet in this world, and *his* everlasting rest and happiness in that which is to come. Visit *him*, O Lord, with Thy heavenly consolations; fill *him* with comfortable thoughts of Thy love, and of that tender and compassionate care which our Lord Jesus takes of all His afflicted servants. Give *him* still a more perfect submission to Thy will, that, without any murmuring or repining, *he* may wait upon Thee. Help *him* meekly to resign *himself* to Thy disposal, and quietly to wait for ease and comfort here, or for everlasting rest and happiness in a future state, through Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life. Amen.

FOR A SICK CHILD.

O ALMIGHTY God, and merciful Father, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death; Look down from heaven, we humbly beseech Thee, with the eyes of mercy upon this child, now lying upon the bed of sickness: Visit *him*, O Lord, with Thy salvation; deliver *him* in Thy good appointed time from *his* bodily pain, and save *his* soul for Thy mercies' sake: That, if it shall be Thy pleasure to prolong *his* days here on earth, *he* may live to Thee, and be an instrument of Thy glory, by serving Thee faithfully, and doing good in *his* generation; or else receive *him* into those heavenly habitations where the souls of those who sleep in the Lord Jesus enjoy perpetual rest and felicity. Grant this, O Lord, for Thy mercies' sake, in the same Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

FOR A SICK PERSON, WHEN THERE APPEARETH BUT SMALL HOPE OF RECOVERY.

O FATHER of mercies, and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need: We fly unto Thee for succor in behalf of this Thy servant, here lying under Thy hand in great weakness of body. Look graciously upon *him*, O Lord; and the more the outward man decayeth, strengthen *him*, we beseech Thee, so much the more continually with Thy grace and Holy Spirit in the inner man. Give *him* unfeigned repentance for all the errors of *his* life past, and steadfast faith in Thy Son Jesus; that *his* sins may be done away by Thy mercy, and *his* pardon sealed in heaven, before *he* go hence, and be no more seen. We know, O Lord, that there is no word impossible with Thee; and that, if Thou wilt, Thou canst even yet raise *him* up, and grant *him* a longer continuance among us: Yet, forasmuch as in all appearance the time of *his* dissolution draweth near, so fit and prepare *him*, we beseech Thee, against the hour of death, that after *his* departure hence in peace, and in Thy favor, *his* soul may be received into Thine everlasting kingdom; through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ Thine only Son, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

A COMMENDATORY PRAYER FOR A SICK PERSON AT THE POINT OF DEPARTURE.

O ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of just men made perfect, after they are delivered from their earthly prisons; We humbly commend the soul of this Thy servant, our dear *brother*, into Thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator, and most merciful Saviour; most humbly beseeching Thee, that it may be precious in Thy sight. Wash it, we pray Thee, in the blood of that immaculate Lamb, that was slain to take away the sins of the world; that whatsoever defilements it may have contracted in the midst of this miserable and naughty world, through the lusts of the flesh, or the wiles of Satan, being purged and done away, it may be presented pure and without spot before Thee. And teach us who survive, in this, and other like daily spectacles of mortality, to see how frail and uncertain our own condition is; and so to number our days, that we may seriously apply our hearts to that holy and heavenly wisdom, whilst we live here, which may in the end bring us to life everlasting; through the merits of Jesus Christ Thine only Son our Lord. Amen.

FOR PERSONS TROUBLED IN MIND OR IN CONSCIENCE.

O BLESSED Lord, the Father of all mercies, and the God of all comfort, We beseech Thee look down in pity and compassion upon this Thy afflicted servant. Thou writest bitter things against *him*, and makest *him* to possess *his* former iniquities; Thy wrath lieth hard upon *him*, and *his* soul is full of trouble. But, O merciful God, who hast written Thy holy Word for our learning, that we, through patience and comfort of Thy holy Scriptures, might have hope; give *him* a right understanding of *himself*, of Thy threats and

promises; that *he* may neither cast away *his* confidence in Thee, nor place it anywhere but in Thee. Give *him* strength against all *his* temptations, and heal all *his* distempers. Break not the bruised reed, nor quench the smoking flax. Shut not up Thy tender mercies in displeasure; but make *him* to hear of joy and gladness, that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice. Deliver *him* from fear of the enemy, and lift up the light of Thy countenance upon *him*, and give *him* peace, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR PATIENCE AND RESIGNATION.

WHATEVER may be the pains, and the weakness, and other sufferings, which Thou, in Thy unerring wisdom, shalt call *him* to endure, give *him* grace, we entreat Thee, to bear the affliction with patience and resignation to Thy holy will, saying, with Thy servants of old, It is the Lord: let Him do what seemeth to Him good; though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him. May *he* remember the patience of Job, and the end of the Lord, who, for us men and for our salvation, endured the cross, despising the shame. May *he* remember the days that are past, and Thy mercies which have ever been of old; that the Lord is pitiful and long-suffering, and that His mercy endureth forever. May a sense of Thy daily goodness, and of Thy promises in Jesus Christ, help *him* in patience to possess *his* soul. According to *his* days so may *his* strength be. Knowing that the Lord is just in all His dealings, and righteous in all His ways, give *him* grace in every trial, and in all things to be resigned to Thy holy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR GRACE TO MAKE IMPROVEMENT.

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, in Thy merciful goodness, to give *him* grace to make due improvement under Thy chastising hand. Awaken in *his* mind a just and lively sense of Thy power and authority over all Thy creatures and all Thy works, and cause *him* to have a greater desire that this affliction should be sanctified to *his* spiritual benefit, than that it should be removed. May it work in *him* repentance not to be repented of, and awaken in *his* mind a serious consideration of the shortness and uncertainty of *his* continuance in this present world. May *he* call to remembrance the sins of *his* life past, and plead, in a holy faith, for pardon and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. O hide Thy face from *his* sins, and blot out all *his* iniquities. May a sense of *his* weakness add strength to *his* faith, and seriousness to *his* repentance, and earnestness to *his* prayers for pardon and acceptance; and may *he* so rely upon Thy gracious promises, that the language of *his* soul may be, For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. We ask it in the name of our Blessed Redeemer. Amen.

FOR A NEW HEART AND A LIVELY FAITH.

THOU hast taught us in Thy word, that except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God; and that without faith we live in sin. We beseech Thee to enlighten the understanding of this Thy *servant*, that *he* may

see the wonderful things of Thy law; and being convinced of sin of righteousness, and of judgment, may look unto Jesus Christ as the way, and the truth, and the life; and as the only name given under heaven by which we can be saved. Make *him* sensible of the sinfulness of *his* nature, and cause *him* to see the wonders of Thy love in sending Thy Son into this world, that they who believe in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. Awaken in *his* soul an earnest desire to flee from the wrath to come, and to lay hold on eternal life. Grant *him* that holy faith in Jesus Christ which renews the heart, and brings forth fruit meet for repentance. Reveal Thyself to *him* as Thou dost not to the world; sanctify all *his* affections, and renew a right spirit within *him*. May Thy promises of pardon and acceptance in Jesus Christ be *his* comfort in life, and *his* hope in a dying hour, when *he* shall resign *his* spirit to Thee, as into the hands of a faithful Creator. Remove all doubt and darkness from *his* mind, and give *him* a clear understanding of what *he* must do to be saved. Not trusting in *his* own righteousness, may *he* look unto Him who alone hath the words of eternal life, and is the end of the law for righteousness to those who believe. Being justified by faith, may *he* have peace with God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR A SICK PENITENT.

TO Thee, O righteous God, belong mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Thee. Behold, O Lord, in mercy, this Thy *servant*, who acknowledges *his* transgression, and whose sin is now before *him*. The remembrance of it is grievous unto *him;* the burden is more than *he* can bear. Have mercy upon *him*, O God, according to Thy loving-kindness: according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out *his* transgressions. Enter not into judgment with Thy *servant*, O Lord, for in Thy sight shall no man living, for his own merits, be justified. A broken and a contrite heart Thou wilt not despise. O wash *him* thoroughly from *his* iniquity, and cleanse *him* from *his* sin. Cause *him* to hear with joy and gladness of Thy mercy revealed in Jesus Christ. Create in *him* a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within *him*, that *his* soul may adore Thee for Thy goodness, and all that is in *him* may praise Thy holy name. Strengthen *his* resolution to walk in the way of Thy commandments; and while *his* days are prolonged upon the earth, to devote *himself* to Thee in a sober, righteous, and godly life. All which we ask in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

A PRAYER WHICH MAY BE USED IN CASE OF SUDDEN SURPRISE AND IMMEDIATE DANGER.

O MOST gracious Father, we fly unto Thee for mercy in behalf of this Thy servant, here lying under the sudden visitation of Thine hand. If it be Thy will, preserve *his* life, that there may be place for repentance; but if Thou hast otherwise appointed, let Thy mercy supply to *him* the want of the usual opportunity for the trimming of *his* lamp. Stir up in *him* such sorrow for sin, and such fervent love to Thee, as may in a short time do the work of many

days: That among the praises which Thy saints and holy angels shall sing to the honor of Thy mercy through eternal ages, it may be to Thy unspeakable glory, that Thou hast redeemed the soul of this Thy servant from eternal death, and made *him* partaker of the everlasting life which is through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A THANKSGIVING FOR THE BEGINNING OF A RECOVERY.

GREAT and mighty God, who bringest down to the grave and bringest up again. We bless Thy wonderful goodness, for having turned our heaviness into joy and our mourning into gladness, by restoring this our *brother* to some degree of *his* former health. Blessed be Thy name that Thou didst not forsake *him* in *his* sickness; but didst visit *him* with comfort from above; didst support *him* in patience and submission to Thy will; and at last didst send *him* seasonable relief. Perfect, we beseech Thee, this Thy mercy towards *him;* and prosper the means which shall be made use of for *his* cure: That being restored to health of body, vigor of mind, and cheerfulness of spirit, *he* may be able to go to Thine house, to offer Thee an oblation with great gladness; and to bless Thy holy Name for all Thy goodness towards *him;* through Jesus Christ our Saviour, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

CLOSING EJACULATIONS.

O SAVIOUR of the world, who by Thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us; Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

UNTO God's gracious mercy and protection we commit thee. The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace, both now and evermore. Amen.

THE Almighty Lord, who is a most strong tower to all those who put their trust in Him, to whom all things in heaven, in earth, and under the earth, do bow and obey, be now and evermore Thy defence; and make thee know and feel, that there is none other Name under heaven given to man, in whom, and through whom, thou mayest receive health and salvation, but only the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE ORDER FOR

The Burial of the Dead.

The Minister, meeting the Corpse at the entrance of the Church-yard, and going before it, either into the Church or towards the grave, should say,

I AM the Resurrection and the Life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.—*St. John* xi. 25, 26.

I KNOW that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.—*Job* xix. 25, 26, 27.

WE brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away: blessed be the name of the Lord.—1 *Tim.* vi. 7; *Job* i. 21.

After they are come into the Church, let there be said or sung the following Anthem, taken from the 39th and 90th Psalms:

LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am.

Behold, Thou hast made my days as an handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity.

Surely every man walketh in a vain shew: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them.

And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in Thee.

Deliver me from all my transgressions: make me not the reproach of the foolish.

When Thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, Thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man is vanity.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry; hold not Thy peace at my tears; for I am a stranger with Thee and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

O spare me, that I may recover strength before I go hence, and be no more.

Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.

Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

In the morning it flourisheth and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down and withereth.

For we are consumed by Thine anger, and by Thy wrath are we troubled.

Thou hast set our iniquities before Thee, our secret sins in the light of Thy countenance.

For all our days are passed away in Thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told.

The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

Who knoweth the power of Thine anger? even according to Thy fear, so is Thy wrath.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Then let there follow the Lesson, taken out of the Fifteenth Chapter of the First Epistle of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

NOW is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the first-fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when He shall have put down all rule, and all authority and power. For He must reign till He hath put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death; for He hath put all things under His feet. But when He saith, All things are put under Him, it is manifest that He is excepted who did put all things under Him. And when all things shall be subdued unto Him, then shall the Son also Himself be subject unto Him that put all things under Him, that God may be all in all. Else what shall they do who are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? Why are they, then, baptized for the dead? And why stand we in jeopardy every hour? I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ

Jesus our Lord, I die daily. If, after the manner of men, I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? Let us eat and drink, for to-morrow we die. Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners. Awake to righteousness, and sin not: for some have not the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame. But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened except it die. And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain; it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain. But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased Him; and to every seed his own body. All flesh is not the same flesh; but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: it is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: it is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, The first man, Adam, was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit, that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy; and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I show you a mystery: we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed; in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorrruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord; forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Here, if he seeth fit, the Minister may make an address.

A Hymn or Anthem may then be sung.

And next may be introduced selections from the Sentences and Prayers, found upon the 437th and succeeding pages.

When they come to the grave, while the corpse is made ready to be laid into the earth, should be said:

MAN that is born of a woman, hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery. He cometh up, and is cut down like a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay:

In the midst of life we are in death. Of whom may we seek for succor but of Thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts: shut not Thy merciful ears to our prayers; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, Thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from Thee.

Then, while the earth shall be cast upon the body by some standing by, the Minister should say,

FORASMUCH as it hath pleased Almighty God, in His wise Providence, to take out of this world the soul of our deceased *brother*, we therefore commit *his* body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; looking for the general resurrection in the last day, and the life of the world to come, through our Lord Jesus Christ; at whose second coming in glorious majesty to judge the world, the earth and the sea shall give up their dead, and the corruptible bodies of those who sleep in Him shall be changed, and made like unto His own glorious body, according to the mighty working whereby He is able to subdue all things unto Himself.

Then let there be said or sung:

I HEARD a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, From henceforth, blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; Even so, saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labors.—*Rev.* xiv. 13.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity, we give Thee hearty thanks for the good examples of all those Thy servants, who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labors. And we beseech Thee, that we, with all those who are departed in the true faith of Thy holy name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in Thy eternal and everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O MERCIFUL God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Resurrection and the Life, in whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he die, and whosoever liveth and believeth in Him shall not die eternally; who also hath taught us, by his holy Apostle Saint Paul, not to be sorry, as men without hope, for those who sleep in Him; we humbly beseech Thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in Him; and that, at the general resurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in Thy sight, and receive that blessing which Thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all who love and fear Thee, saying, Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world. Grant this, we beseech Thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all, evermore. Amen.

Sentences and Prayers.

To be used during the Burial Service at the discretion of the Minister.

JUST and true are Thy ways, Thou King of Saints: Righteousness and judgment are the habitation of Thy seat.

Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?

It is the Lord, let Him do what seemeth to Him good.

We know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Sorrow not, brethren, for them that are asleep, even as others who have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also who sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him.

When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, we shall also appear with Him in glory.

Wherefore comfort one another with these words:

O MERCIFUL God and heavenly Father, who hast taught us in Thy holy word that Thou dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men, we would draw near to Thee at this time in behalf of these Thy servants, upon whom Thou hast laid Thy chastening hand. In all their trouble may their confidence remain firm in Thy goodness and mercy. May they bow before Thee in submission to Thy will, and in the fulness of resignation may they say with the patriarch of old, "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord." May this affliction conduce to their eternal good; may

it wean them from the world and lead them nearer to the Saviour's cross. May they repair for comfort, not to the empty cisterns of earth, but to Thee, the Fountain of Life; and do Thou out of Thine abundance refresh their weary souls with the consolations of Thy grace and with foretastes of that better world where separation and sorrow shall never be known. We ask it in the name of Jesus Christ our merciful Saviour. Amen.

FOR A HUSBAND LOSING HIS WIFE.

LOOK with pity, we beseech Thee, O merciful Father, upon the sorrows of Thy servant for whom our prayers are especially offered. In Thy wisdom Thou hast seen fit to visit him with trouble and to bring distress upon him. Remember him, O Lord, in mercy; sanctify Thy fatherly correction to him; endue his soul with patience under his affliction and with resignation to Thy blessed will; comfort him with a sense of Thy goodness, lift up Thy countenance upon him and give him peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR A WIFE LOSING HER HUSBAND.

REGARD especially, O Lord, with an eye of compassion this Thy servant, bereaved of her earthly partner and friend. Mercifully grant that, in the depth of her sorrows, the light of Thy countenance may be her comfort, the gifts of Thy grace and the promises of Thy blessed word her refuge and strength. Sanctify to her this Thy fatherly chastisement, and meekly submitting to the wisdom of Thy dispensation, may she realize the fulness of Thy promise to be the widow's God, now and forever. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR CHILDREN DEPRIVED OF ONE OR BOTH PARENTS.

DEFEND, O Lord, we beseech Thee, these bereaved children with Thy heavenly grace, that they may continue Thine forever, and daily increase in Thy Holy Spirit more and more, until they come to Thine everlasting kingdom. Let Thy fatherly hand ever be over them; let Thy Holy Spirit ever be with them, and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of Thy word, that in the end they may obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR ALL PRESENT.

O GOD, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered; Make us, we beseech Thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let Thy Holy Spirit lead us through this vale of misery, in holiness and righteousness, all the days of our lives: That, when we shall have served Thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of Thy Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope; in favor with Thee our God, and in perfect charity with the world. All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

IN the instance of mortality before us, Thou dost solemnly teach us that death is the end of all men. Grant us who are living, grace to lay it to heart; so to lay it to heart, as to live above the world, to seek Thy favor, to study Thy will, to observe Thy laws, and in all our actions to aim at Thy glory, at the salvation of our own souls, and the souls of our fellow-men. When we go the way of all the earth, may Thy presence go with us, to sustain and comfort us, to lead us to a rest eternal in the heavens. Spare us, good Lord, spare us, O merciful Father, till we have truly repented of our sins, and made our peace with Thee, our offended Judge. For Thy Son Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us our sins. For His sake turn away Thine anger from us; enter not into judgment with us; but after the multitude of Thy mercies look upon us, and visit us with Thy salvation. Quicken us, Almighty God, from the death of sin unto a new and holy life; that being partakers of the death of Thy Son, we may also be partakers of His resurrection, of perfect and endless bliss both in body and soul in Thy heavenly kingdom. And may the good examples of all those who have departed this life in the true faith of Thy holy name, and the hope of their eternal blessedness, excite us to press with the more earnestness towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. In whose name alone we offer up our petitions. Amen.

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of Thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, we may ever be defended by Thy most gracious and ready help, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE Lord bless us and keep us: The Lord make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us: the Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. Amen.

Form at Sea.

Upon committing the body to the deep, let the following words be said:

FORASMUCH as it hath pleased Almighty God, in His wise Providence, to take out of this world the soul of our deceased *brother*, we therefore commit *his* body to the deep, to be turned into corruption, looking for the resurrection of the body when the sea shall give up her dead, and the life of the world to come, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who, at His coming, shall change our vile body, that it may be like His glorious body, according to the mighty working whereby He is able to subdue all things to Himself.

SENTENCES AND PRAYERS

TO BE USED AT

The Burial of a Child,

In Connection with the Preceding Service at the Discretion of the Minister.

IT is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting, for that is the end of all men, and the living will lay it to his heart.

We know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. There the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest. And they shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying; neither shall there be any more pain. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee. Though He cause grief, yet will He have compassion according to the multitude of His mercies; for He doth not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men.

My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of Him: for whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth: That the trial of your faith being much more precious than gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise, and honor, and glory, at the appearing of Jesus Christ.

I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them who are asleep, that ye sorrow not even as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also who sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him.

Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven. If a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray? And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep than of the ninety and nine which went not astray. Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

They brought young children to Him that He should touch them; and His disciples rebuked them that brought them. But when Jesus saw it He was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.

And the Lord struck the child, and it was very sick. David therefore besought God for the child; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth. And the elders of his house arose, and went to him, to raise him up from the earth; but he would not, neither did he eat bread with them. And it came to pass on the seventh day that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead: for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake unto him, and he would not hearken unto our voice: how will he then vex himself if we tell him that the child is dead? But when David saw that his servants whispered, David perceived that the child was dead; therefore David said unto his servants, Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead. Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the Lord, and worshiped: then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat. Then said his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep for the child while it was alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread. And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell whether God will be gracious to me, that the child may live? But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

PRAYERS.

O LORD GOD, who alone art the author and disposer of our life, from whom our spirits have come, and to whom they shall return; We acknowledge Thy sovereign power and right both to give and to take away, as seemeth to Thee good. And we beseech Thee that unto all thy righteous dealings we may yield ourselves with patience and resignation, remembering that in faithfulness Thou dost always afflict us, and for Thy mercy's sake. Hear us and save us, for Christ's sake. Amen.

O ALMIGHTY God, who out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast ordained strength, and madest infants to glorify Thee by their death; Mortify and kill all vices in us, and so strengthen us by Thy grace, that by the innocency of our lives, and constancy of our faith even unto death, we may glorify Thy holy name. And we beseech of Thee to be nigh in Thy tender compassion to these afflicted ones. Bless them with Thy consolation. Fill their bleeding hearts with Thy love; and make the night of their grief to be light with Thy presence. Deliver us all, we pray Thee, from the bondage of our sins, so that we may be free from the fear of death, and be ready at Thy coming. Sanctify us by Thy Holy Spirit, that whether we live we may live unto the Lord, or whether we die we may die unto the Lord; yea, whether we live or die, may we be the Lord's. We ask it for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS

TO BE USED

At Sea,

Separately, or in Connection with the Regular Service, as may be fit.

TO BE USED IN SHIPS OF WAR.

O ETERNAL Lord God, who alone spreadest out the heavens, and rulest the raging of the sea; who hast compassed the waters with bounds, until day and night come to an end; be pleased to receive into Thy almighty and most gracious protection the persons of us, Thy servants, and the fleet [or *ship*] in which we serve. Preserve us from the dangers of the sea and from the violence of the enemy, that we may be a safeguard unto the United States of America, and a security for such as pass on the seas upon their lawful occasions; that the inhabitants of our land may in peace and quietness serve Thee our God; and that we may return in safety to enjoy the blessings of the land with the fruits of our labor, and with a thankful remembrance of Thy mercies, to praise and glorify Thy holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TO BE USED IN STORMS AT SEA.

O MOST powerful and glorious Lord God, at whose command the winds blow, and lift up the waves of the sea, and who stillest the rage thereof, we, Thy creatures, but miserable sinners, do, in this our great distress, cry unto Thee for help. Save, Lord, or else we perish. We confess, when we have been safe and seen all things quiet about us, we have forgotten Thee, our God, and refused to hearken to the still voice of Thy word, and to obey Thy commandments: but now we see how terrible Thou art in all Thy works of wonder; the great God, to be feared above all; and therefore we adore Thy Divine Majesty, acknowledging Thy power and imploring Thy goodness. Help, Lord, and save us, for Thy mercies' sake, in Jesus Christ, Thy Son our Lord. Amen.

Or this:

O MOST glorious and gracious Lord God, who dwellest in heaven but beholdest all things below, look down, we beseech Thee, and hear us, calling out of the depth of misery and out of the jaws of this death, which is

now ready to swallow us up. Save, Lord, or else we perish. The living, the living shall praise Thee. O send Thy word of command to rebuke the raging winds and the roaring sea, that we, being delivered from this distress, may live to serve Thee, and to glorify Thy name all the days of our life. Hear, Lord, and save us, for the infinite merits of our blessed Saviour, Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

TO BE SAID BEFORE A FIGHT AT SEA AGAINST ANY ENEMY.

O MOST powerful and glorious Lord God, the Lord of hosts, that rulest and commandest all things, Thou sittest in the throne, judging right; and therefore we make our address to Thy Divine Majesty in this our necessity, that Thou wouldest take the cause into Thine own hand, and judge between us and our enemies. Stir up Thy strength, O Lord, and come and help us; for Thou givest not always the battle to the strong, but canst save by many or by few. O let not our sins now cry against us for vengeance; but hear us, Thy poor servants, begging mercy and imploring Thy help, and that thou wouldest be a defence unto us against the face of the enemy. Make it appear that Thou art our Saviour and mighty Deliverer, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SHORT PRAYERS.

LORD, be merciful to us sinners, and save us, for Thy mercies' sake.

Thou art the great God, who hast made and rulest all things. O deliver us, for Thy Name's sake.

Thou art the great God to be feared above all. O save us, that we may praise Thee.

WITH RESPECT TO THE ENEMY.

THOU, O Lord, art just and powerful. O defend our cause against the face of the enemy.

O God, Thou art a strong Tower of defence to all who flee unto Thee. O save us from the violence of the enemy.

O Lord of hosts, fight for us, that we may glorify Thee.

O suffer us not to sink under the weight of our sins, or the violence of the enemy.

O Lord, arise, help us and deliver us, for Thy Name's sake.

IN RESPECT OF A STORM.

THOU, O Lord, who stillest the raging of the sea, hear, hear us, and save us, that we perish not.

O blessed Saviour, who didst save Thy disciples, ready to perish in a storm, hear us, and save us, we beseech Thee.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, hear us.

O Christ, hear us.

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, have mercy upon us, save us now and evermore. Amen.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name: Thy kingdom come: Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread: And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

When there shall be imminent danger, as many as can be spared from necessary service in the ship should be called together, and make an humble confession of their sins to God; in which every one ought seriously to reflect upon those particular sins, of which his conscience shall accuse him, saying as followeth:

THE CONFESSION.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against Thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings: the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father: for Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past: and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Thy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Minister, or Reader.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of Thy great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who, with hearty repentance and true faith, turn unto Thee, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THANKSGIVING AFTER A STORM.

PSALM LXVI.

MAKE a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands:
Sing forth the honor of His name: make His praise glorious.

Say unto God, How terrible art Thou in Thy works! through the greatness of Thy power shall Thine enemies submit themselves unto Thee.

All the earth shall worship Thee, and shall sing unto Thee; they shall sing to Thy name.

Come and see the works of God: He is terrible in His doing toward the children of men.

He turned the sea into dry land: they went through the flood on foot: there did we rejoice in Him.

He ruleth by His power for ever; His eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of His praise to be heard:

Who holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

For Thou, O God, hast proved us: Thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.

Thou broughtest us into the net; Thou laidest affliction upon our loins.

Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; but Thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.

I will go into Thy house with burnt-offerings: I will pay Thee my vows,

Which my lips have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I was in trouble.

I will offer unto Thee burnt-sacrifices of fatlings, with the incense of rams; I will offer bullocks with goats.

Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what He hath done for my soul.

I cried unto Him with my mouth, and He was extolled with my tongue.

If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:

But verily God hath heard me; He hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, who hath not turned away my prayer, nor His mercy from me.

FROM PSALM CVII.

OH that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare His works with rejoicing.

They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;

These see the works of the Lord, and His wonders in the deep.

For He commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble.

They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wit's end.

Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and He bringeth them out of their distresses.

He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

Then are they glad because they be quiet; so He bringeth them unto their desired haven.

Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

Let them exalt Him also in the congregation of the people, and praise Him in the assembly of the elders.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECTS OF THANKSGIVING.

O MOST blessed and glorious Lord God, who art of infinite goodness and mercy, we, Thy poor creatures, whom Thou hast made and preserved, holding our souls in life, and now rescuing us out of the jaws of death, humbly present ourselves again before Thy Divine Majesty, to offer a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, for that Thou heardest us when we called in our trouble, and didst not cast out our prayer which we made before Thee in our great distress: even when we gave all for lost, our ship, our goods, our lives, then didst Thou mercifully look upon us, and wonderfully command a deliverance; for which we now, being in safety, do give all praise and glory to Thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Or this:

O MOST mighty and gracious good God, Thy mercy is over all Thy works, but in special manner hath been extended towards us, whom Thou hast so powerfully and wonderfully defended. Thou hast showed us terrible things, and wonders in the deep, that we might see how powerful and gracious a God Thou art; how able and ready to help those who trust in Thee. Thou hast showed us how both winds and seas obey Thy command; that we may learn even from them, hereafter to obey Thy voice, and to do Thy will. We therefore bless and glorify Thy name for this Thy mercy, in saving us when we were ready to perish. And we beseech Thee, make us as truly sensible now of Thy mercy, as we were then of the danger; and give us hearts always ready to express our thankfulness, not only by words, but also by our lives, in being more obedient to Thy holy commandments. Continue, we beseech Thee, this Thy goodness to us, that we, whom Thou hast saved, may serve Thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AFTER VICTORY.

IF the Lord had not been on our side, now may we say; if the Lord Himself had not been on our side, when men rose up against us:

They had swallowed us up quick, when they were so wrathfully displeased at us;

Yea, the waters had drowned us, and the stream had gone over our soul; the deep waters of the proud had gone over our soul.

But praised be the Lord, who hath not given us over as a prey unto them.

The Lord hath wrought a mighty salvation for us.

We got not this by our own sword, neither was it our own arm that saved us; but Thy right hand, and Thine arm, and the light of Thy countenance, because Thou hadst a favor unto us.

The Lord hath appeared for us; the Lord hath covered our heads, and made us to stand in the day of battle.

The Lord hath appeared for us; the Lord hath overthrown our enemies, and dashed in pieces those that rose up against us.

Therefore not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy Name, be given the glory.

The Lord hath done great things for us; the Lord hath done great things for us, for which we rejoice.

Our help standeth in the name of the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth for evermore.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

After this Hymn may be said the Te Deum.

Then this Collect.

O ALMIGHTY God, the sovereign Commander of all the world, in whose hand is power and might, which none is able to withstand, we bless and magnify Thy great and glorious Name for this happy victory, the whole glory whereof we do ascribe to Thee, who art the only Giver of victory. And, we beseech Thee, give us grace to improve this great mercy to Thy glory, the advancement of Thy gospel, the honor of our country, and, as much as in us lieth, to the good of all mankind. And, we beseech Thee, give us such a sense of this great mercy, as may engage us to a true thankfulness, such as may appear in our lives, by an humble, holy, and obedient walking before Thee all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, as for all Thy mercies, so in particular for this victory and deliverance, be all glory and honor, world without end. Amen.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all, evermore. Amen.

A FORM OF PRAYER

FOR THE

Visitation of Prisoners.

When notice is given to the Minister that a prisoner is confined for some great or capital crime, he should visit him; and when he cometh into the place where the prisoner is, he should say, kneeling down,

REMEMBER not, Lord, our iniquities, nor the iniquities of our forefathers; neither take Thou vengeance of our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare Thy people, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

Answer. Spare us, good Lord.

Minister. Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Answer. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Minister. Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name: Thy kingdom come: Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread: And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Minister. O Lord, show Thy mercy upon us;

Answer. And grant us Thy salvation.

Minister. Turn Thy face from our sins;

Answer. And blot out all our iniquities.

Minister. Send us help from Thy holy place;

Answer. For Thine indignation lieth hard upon us.

Minister. O Lord, hear our prayer;

Answer. And let the sighing of the prisoners come before Thee.

THE COLLECT.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of Thy grace may mercifully be relieved, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

O GOD, who sparest when we deserve punishment, and in Thy wrath remberest mercy, we humbly beseech Thee, of Thy goodness, to comfort and succor all those who are under reproach and misery in the house of bondage. Correct them not in Thine anger, neither chasten them in Thy sore displeasure. Give them a right understanding of themselves, and of Thy threats and promises, that they may neither cast away their confidence in Thee, nor place it anywhere but in Thee. Relieve the distressed, protect the innocent, and awaken the guilty: and forasmuch as Thou alone bringest light out of darkness, and good out of evil, grant that the pains and punishments which these Thy servants endure through their bodily confinement, may tend to setting free their souls from the chains of sin, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Here the Minister, as he shall see convenient, may read the Prayer for all Conditions of Men, the Collect for Ash-Wednesday, and the Collect beginning, "Almighty God, the Fountain of all wisdom," etc., or any other Prayer of the Liturgy, which he shall judge proper.

Then let the Minister exhort the prisoner or prisoners after this form, or other like:

DEARLY beloved, know this, that Almighty God, whose never-failing providence governeth all things both in heaven and earth, hath so wisely and mercifully ordered the course of this world, that His judgments are often sent as fatherly corrections to us; and if, with due resignation to His holy will, we receive the same, they will work together for our good.

It is your part and duty, therefore, to humble yourself under the mighty hand of God, to acknowledge the righteousness of His judgments, and to endeavor that, by His grace, this present visitation may lead you to a sincere and hearty repentance.

The way and means thereto is, to examine your life and conversation by the rule of God's commandments; and whereinsoever you shall perceive yourself to have offended, either by will, word, or deed, there to bewail your own sinfulness, and to confess yourself to Almighty God, with full purpose of amendment of life; and if you shall perceive your offences to be such as are not only against God, but also against your neighbors, then to reconcile yourself to them, being ready to make restitution and satisfaction, according to the uttermost of your power, for all injuries and wrongs done by you to any other, and being likewise ready to forgive others who have offended you, as you would have forgiveness of your offences at God's hand. And to this true repentance and change of mind you must add a lively and steadfast faith, and dependence

upon the merits of the death of Christ, with an entire resignation of yourself to the will of God. Except you repent and believe, we can give you no hope of salvation. But if you do sincerely repent and believe, God hath declared, though your sins be as red as scarlet, they shall be made white as snow; though your wickednesses have gone over your head, yet shall they not be your destruction.

We exhort you, therefore, in the name of God and of His dear Son Jesus Christ our Saviour, and as you value your own salvation, to take good heed of these things in time, while the day of salvation lasteth; for the night cometh, when no man can work. While you have the light, believe in the light, and walk as children of the light, that you be not cast into outer darkness; that you may not knock when the door shall be shut, and cry for mercy when it is the time of justice. Now you are the object of God's mercy, if by repentance and true faith, you turn unto Him; but if you neglect these things, you will be the object of His justice and vengeance: now you may claim the merits of Christ; but if you die in your sins, His sufferings will tend to your greater condemnation. O beloved, consider in this your day, how fearful a thing it will be to fall into the hands of the living God, when you can neither fly to His mercy to protect you, nor to the merits of Christ to cover you in that terrible day.

Here the Minister should examine him concerning his faith, and rehearse the Articles of the Creed, "Dost thou believe in God," etc. And the prisoner should answer,

ALL this I steadfastly believe.

Then let the Minister examine whether he repent him truly of his sins, and be in charity with all the world, and further admonish him, particularly concerning the crime wherewith he is charged; and exhort him, if he have any scruples, that he would declare the same, and prepare himself for the holy Communion against the time that it may be proper to administer it to him.

Minister.

LET US PRAY.

O LORD, we beseech Thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto Thee, that they whose consciences by sin are accused, by Thy merciful pardon may be absolved, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, whose mercy is everlasting, and power infinite, look down with compassion upon the sufferings of *this* Thy *servant*, and, whether Thou visitest *him* for trial of *his* patience, or punishment of *his* offences, enable *him*, by Thy grace, cheerfully to submit *himself* to Thy holy will and pleasure. Go not far from those, O Lord, whom Thou hast laid in a place of darkness, and in the deep, and, forasmuch as Thou hast not cut *him* off suddenly, but chastenest

him as a Father, grant that *he*, duly considering Thy great mercies, may be unfeignedly thankful, and turn unto Thee with true repentance and sincerity of heart, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR PERSONS UNDER SENTENCE OF DEATH.

When a criminal is under sentence of death, the Minister should proceed, immediately after the Collect, "O God, who sparest," etc., to exhort him after this form, or other like:

DEARLY beloved, it hath pleased Almighty God, in His justice, to bring you under the sentence and condemnation of the law. You are shortly to suffer death in such a manner, that others, warned by your example, may be the more afraid to offend; and we pray God that you may make such use of your punishments in this world, that your soul may be saved in the world to come. Wherefore, we come to you in the bowels of compassion, and, being desirous that you should avoid presumption on the one hand, and despair on the other, shall plainly lay before you the wretchedness of your condition, and declare how far you ought to depend on the mercies of God, and the merits of our Saviour. Consider, then, seriously with yourself, in all appearance, the time of your dissolution draweth near; your sins have laid fast hold upon you; you are soon to be removed from among men by a violent death; and you shall fade away suddenly like the grass, which in the morning is green, and groweth up, but in the evening is cut down, dried up, and withered. After you have thus finished the course of a sinful and miserable life, you shall appear before the Judge of all flesh, who, as He pronounces blessings on the righteous, shall likewise say, with a terrible voice of most just judgment, to the wicked, Go, ye accursed, into the fire everlasting, prepared for the devil and his angels. Your sins have brought you too near this dreadful sentence. It is therefore your part and duty, my brother, humbly to confess and bewail your great and manifold offences, and to repent you truly of your sins, as you value the eternal salvation of your soul. Be not deceived with a vain and presumptuous expectation of God's favor, nor say within yourself, Peace, peace, where there is no peace; for there is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked. God is not mocked; He is of purer eyes than to behold iniquity; and without holiness no man shall see the Lord. On the other hand, despair not of God's mercy, though trouble is on every side; for God shutteth not up His mercies for ever in displeasure; but, if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Do not either way abuse the goodness of God, who calleth us mercifully to amendment, and, of His endless pity, promiseth us forgiveness of that which is past, if, with a perfect and true heart, we return unto Him. Since, therefore, you are soon to pass into an endless and unchangeable state, and your future happiness or misery depends upon the few moments which are left you, I beseech you strictly to examine yourself and your estate, both towards God and towards man; and let no worldly consideration hinder you from making a true and full confession of

your sins, and giving all the satisfaction which is in your power to every one whom you have wronged or injured; that you may find mercy at your heavenly Father's hand, for Christ's sake, and not be condemned in the dreadful day of judgment. Lastly, beloved, submit yourself with Christian resignation to the just judgment of God, which your own crimes have brought upon you, and be in charity with all men; being ready sincerely to forgive all such as have offended you, not excepting those who have prosecuted you even unto death. And though this may seem a hard saying, yet know assuredly, that without it your charity is not yet perfect. And fail not earnestly to endeavor and pray for this blessed temper and composure of mind. So may you cast yourself with an entire dependence upon the mercies of God, through the merits of our Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ.

Here the Minister should examine him concerning his faith, and rehearse the Articles of the Creed, "Dost thou believe in God," etc. And the criminal should answer,

ALL this I steadfastly believe.

Then should the Minister examine whether he repent him truly of his sins, exhorting him to a particular confession of the sin for which he is condemned; and upon confession, he should instruct him what satisfaction ought to be made to those whom he has offended thereby; and if he knoweth any combinations in wickedness or any evil practices designed against others, let him be admonished to the utmost of his power to discover and prevent them.

After his confession, the Minister should declare to him the pardoning mercy of God, in the form which is used in the Communion Service.

After which should be said the Collect following:

O HOLY Jesus, who of Thine infinite goodness didst accept the conversion of a sinner on the cross, open Thine eye of mercy on this Thy servant who desireth pardon and forgiveness, though in his latest hour he turneth unto Thee. Renew in him whatsoever hath been decayed by the fraud and malice of the devil, or by his own carnal will and frailness. Consider his contrition; accept his repentance; and forasmuch as he putteth his full trust only in Thy mercy, impute not unto him his former sins, but strengthen him with Thy blessed Spirit; and when Thou art pleased to take him hence, take him unto Thy favor. This we beg through Thy merits, O Lord our Saviour and our Redeemer. Amen.

Then let the Minister say,

O FATHER of mercies, and God of all comfort, we fly unto Thee for succor in behalf of this Thy servant, who is now under the sentence of condemnation. The day of his calamity is at hand, and he is accounted as one of those who go down into the pit. Blessed Lord, remember Thy mercies; look upon his infirmities; hear the voice of his complaint; give him, we beseech Thee, patience in this his time of adversity, and support under the terrors

which encompass him ; set before his eyes the things he hath done in the body which have justly provoked Thee to anger ; and forasmuch as his continuance appeareth to be short amongst us, quicken him so much the more by Thy grace and Holy Spirit, that he, being converted and reconciled unto Thee, before Thy judgments have cut him off from the earth may, at the hour of his death, depart in peace, and be received into Thine everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Adding this :

O SAVIOUR of the world, who by Thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

The Minister, standing.

IN the midst of life we are in death. Of whom may we seek for succor but of Thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased ?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts. Shut not Thy merciful ears to our prayers ; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, Thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from Thee.

THE Almighty God, who is a most strong Tower to all those who put their trust in Him, to whom all things in heaven, in earth, and under the earth do bow and obey, be now and evermore thy Defence, and make thee know and feel that there is none other name under heaven given to man, in whom, and through whom thou mayest receive salvation, but only the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

UNTO God's gracious mercy and protection we commit thee. The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace, both now and evermore. Amen.

At the time of execution, besides all or such parts of the foregoing Office as the Minister shall judge proper, should be said the Commendatory Prayer for a Person at the Point of Departure, as it is in the Visitation of the Sick.

THE COLLECT FOR THE COMMUNION SERVICE.

O GOD, who declarest Thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity, we beseech Thee to have mercy upon this Thy servant, who for his transgressions is appointed to die. Grant that he may take Thy judgments patiently, and repent him truly of his sins ; that he recovering Thy favor, the fearful reward of his actions may end with this life ; and whensoever his soul shall depart from the body, it may be without spot presented unto Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EPISTLE.—Heb. xii. 11.

NO chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless afterwards it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them who are exercised thereby.

THE GOSPEL.—St. John v. 24.

VERILY, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life.

PSALM LI.

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy loving-kindness: according unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

2. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

3. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

4. Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight: that Thou mightest be justified when Thou speakest, and be clear when Thou judgest.

5. Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me,

6. Behold, Thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part Thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

7. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8. Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice.

9. Hide Thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

10. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

11. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

12. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free Spirit.

13 Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.

14. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation; and my tongue shall sing aloud of Thy righteousness.

15. O Lord, open Thou my lips, and my mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.

16. For Thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: Thou delightest not in burnt-offering.

17. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart; O God, Thou wilt not despise.

THE FORM AND MANNER

OF

Ordaining Deacons.

Let the Service be opened with the Order for the Celebration of the Holy Communion. The Epistle, Gospel, Psalter, and Collect being as follows:

THE EPISTLE.—1 Tim. iii. 8.

LIKEWISE must the deacons be grave, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless. Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things. Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. For they that have used the office of a deacon well, purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Luke xii. 35.

LET your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. Blessed are those servants whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching. Verily, I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.

PSALM LXXXIV.

HOW amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!

2. My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

3. Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even Thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God.

4. Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house: they will be still praising Thee.

5. Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee; in whose heart are the ways of them.

6. Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.

7. They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.

8. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob.

9. Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of Thine anointed.

10. For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

11. For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will be withhold from them that walk uprightly.

12. O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in Thee.

FROM PSALM LXV.

PRAISE waiteth for Thee, O God, in Zion: and unto Thee shall the vow be performed.

2. O Thou that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come.

3. Iniquities prevail against me: as for our transgressions, Thou shalt purge them away.

4. Blessed is the man whom Thou choosest, and causest to approach unto Thee, that He may dwell in Thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of Thy house, even of Thy holy temple.

5. By terrible things in righteousness wilt Thou answer us, O God of our salvation; who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea:

6. Who by his strength settest fast the mountains: being girded with power:

7. Who stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.

8. They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at Thy tokens: Thou makest the out-goings of the morning and evening to rejoice.

THE COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY God, who by Thy divine providence didst inspire Thine Apostles to choose into the order of deacons the first martyr, St. Stephen, with others; mercifully behold these Thy servants now called to the like office and administration: so replenish them with the truth of Thy doctrine, and adorn them with innocency of life, that, both by word and good example, they may faithfully serve Thee in this office, to the glory of Thy Name and the edification of Thy Church; through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, now and for ever. Amen.

Then after a Hymn and a Sermon, and immediately at the close of the Prayer for the Church Militant, let such as desire Ordination to the Diaconate be presented to the Bishop, or Presbyter presiding, in these words:

Presbyter.

REVEREND Sir, I present unto you these persons to be admitted Deacons.

The Bishop, or Presbyter presiding.

TAKE heed that the persons whom you present unto us be apt and meet to exercise their ministry duly, to the honor of God, and to the edifying of His Church.

Presbyter.

I HAVE inquired concerning them, and also examined them, and think them so to be.

Then let the one presiding say unto the people:

BRETHREN, if there be any of you who knoweth any impediment, or notable crime, in any of these persons presented to be ordained Deacons, for the which he ought not to be admitted to that office, let him come forth in the Name of God, and show what the crime or impediment is.

And if any crime or impediment be charged against any of the candidates, the ordination of such candidates should cease until such time as the accused shall be found clear of that crime.

Then let the Bishop, or Presbyter presiding, examine each of those who are to be ordained, in the presence of the people, after this manner following:

DO you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Ghost to take upon you this Office and Ministration, to serve God for the promoting of His glory and the edifying of His people?

Answer. I trust so.

Question. Do you unfeignedly believe all the Canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the Law of God and the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ?

Answer. I do believe them so to be.

Question. Will you faithfully preach the Gospel when you are licensed thereto?

Answer. I will.

Question. It appertaineth to the office of a Deacon, where he is appointed to assist a Presbyter, to help him in divine service, and especially when he ministereth the Holy Communion; to instruct the youth in the absence of the Presbyter; to christen infants; and to preach, if requested thereto. And furthermore, it is his office to search for the sick, poor, and impotent people of the

parish, to intimate their estates, names, and places where they dwell, unto the Rector, that by his exhortation they may be relieved with the alms of the Parishioners, or others. Will you do this gladly and willingly?

Answer. I will so do, by the help of God.

Question. Will you apply all your diligence to frame and fashion your lives, and the lives of your families, according to the Doctrines of Christ; and to make both yourselves and them, as much as in you lieth, wholesome examples of the flock of Christ?

Answer. I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

Then the Ministers in the Chancel, laying their hands severally upon the head of every one of them, kneeling, the Bishop, or Presbyter presiding, should say:

TAKE thou authority to execute the office of a Deacon in the Church of God. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then let the Communion be proceeded with, and after the last Collect, and immediately before the Benediction, let there be said this Collect following:

ALMIGHTY God, giver of all good things, who of Thy great goodness hast vouchsafed to accept and take these Thy servants into the office of Deacons in Thy Church, make them, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to be modest, humble, and constant in their ministration, that they, having always the testimony of a good conscience, and continuing ever stable and strong in Thy Son Christ, may so well behave themselves in this office, that they may be found worthy to be called unto the further ministries in Thy Church, through the same Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, to whom be all glory and honor, world without end. Amen.

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

And here it should be declared unto the Deacon that he should continue in that office of a Deacon the space of a whole year (except for reasonable causes it shall otherwise be deemed best), to the intent he may be perfect, and well expert in the things appertaining to the ecclesiastical administration; in executing whereof, if he be found faithful and diligent, he may be admitted as a Presbyter, at the time appointed, in such manner and form as hereafter followeth.

THE FORM AND MANNER

OF

Ordaining Presbyters.

Let the Service be opened with the Order for the Celebration of the Holy Communion. The Epistle, Gospel, Psalter, and Collect being as follows:

THE EPISTLE.—Ephes. iv. 7.

UNTO every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore He saith, when He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that He ascended, what is it but that He also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He gave some apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ; till we all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.

THE GOSPEL.—St. Matt. xxviii. 18.

JESUS came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

PSALM XXIV.

THE earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

2. For He hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

3. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? and who shall stand in His holy place?

4. He that hath clean hands and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

5. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of His salvation.

6. This is the generation of them that seek Him, that seek thy face, O Jacob.

7. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in.

8. Who is this King of Glory? the Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

9. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in.

10. Who is this King of Glory? the Lord of hosts, He is the King of Glory.

PSALM XXVI.

JUDGE me, O Lord; for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the Lord; therefore I shall not slide.

2. Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try my reins and my heart.

3. For Thy loving-kindness is before mine eyes: and I have walked in Thy truth.

4. I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers.

5. I have hated the congregation of evil-doers, and will not sit with the wicked.

6. I will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass Thine altar, O Lord:

7. That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all Thy wondrous works.

8. Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house, and the place where Thine honor dwelleth.

9. Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men:

10. In whose hands is mischief, and their right hand is full of bribes.

11. But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: redeem me, and be merciful unto me.

12. My foot standeth in an even place: in the congregations will I bless the Lord.

THE COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY God, Giver of all good things, Mercifully behold these Thy servants, now called to the office of the Presbytery. And so replenish them with the truth of Thy doctrine, and adorn them with innocency of life, that, both by word and good example, they may faithfully serve Thee in this office, to the glory of Thy Name and the edification of Thy Church; through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, world without end. Amen.

Then after a Hymn and a Sermon, and immediately at the close of the Prayer for the Church Militant, let a Presbyter present unto the Bishop or to the Presbyter presiding, all those who are to receive the order of the Presbytery, each of them being decently habited, and say:

REVEREND Sir, I present unto you these persons to be admitted to the Order of Presbyters.

The Bishop, or Presbyter presiding.

TAKE heed that the persons whom you present unto us be apt and meet to exercise their ministry duly, to the honor of God, and to the edifying of His Church.

Presbyter.

I HAVE inquired concerning them, and also examined them, and think them so to be.

Then let the one presiding say unto the people:

BELOVED brethren, these are they whom we purpose, God willing, to receive this day unto the holy Office of Presbyter: for after due examination we find not to the contrary, but that they are lawfully called to this Function and Ministry, and that they are persons meet for the same. But yet, if there be any of you who knoweth any impediment or notable crime in any of them, for the which he ought not to be received into this holy Ministry, let him come forth in the Name of God, and show what the crime or impediment is.

And if no crime or impediment be shown, the ordination should proceed, the officiating Minister first addressing the Candidates as follows:

YE have heard, brethren, as well in your private examination as in the holy lessons of the Gospel and the writings of the Apostles, of what dignity and of how great importance this office is whereunto ye are called. And now again we exhort you, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye have in remembrance into how high a dignity and to how weighty an office and charge ye are called: that is to say, to be messengers, watchmen, and stewards of the Lord; to teach, and to warn, to feed and provide for the Lord's family; to seek for Christ's sheep that are dispersed abroad, and for His children who are in the midst of this naughty world, that they may be saved through Christ for ever.

Have always therefore printed in your remembrance, how great a treasure is committed to your charge. For they are the sheep of Christ, which He bought with His death, and for whom He shed His blood. The Church and congregation whom you must serve, is His spouse, and His body. And if it shall happen that the same Church, or any member thereof, do take any hurt or hindrance by reason of your negligence, ye know the greatness of the fault, and also the punishment that will ensue. Wherefore consider with yourselves

the end of the ministry towards the children of God, towards the spouse and body of Christ; and see that ye never cease your labor, your care and diligence, until ye have done all that lieth in you, according to your bounden duty, to bring all such as are or shall be committed to your charge, unto that agreement in the faith and knowledge of God, and to that ripeness and perfectness of age in Christ, that there be no place left among you, either for error in religion or for viciousness in life.

Forasmuch then as your office is both of so great excellency and of so great difficulty, ye see with how great care and study ye ought to apply yourselves, as well to show yourselves dutiful and thankful unto that Lord who hath placed you in so high a dignity; as also to beware that neither you yourselves offend, nor be occasion that others offend. Howbeit ye cannot have a mind and will thereto of yourselves; for that will and ability is given of God alone: therefore ye ought and have need to pray earnestly for His Holy Spirit. And seeing that ye cannot by any other means compass the doing of so weighty a work pertaining to the salvation of man, but with doctrine and exhortation taken out of the Holy Scriptures, and with a life agreeable to the same; consider how studious ye ought to be in reading and learning the Scriptures, and in framing the manners of yourselves and of them that specially pertain unto you, according to the same Scriptures; and for this self-same cause, how ye ought to forsake and set aside as much as ye may all worldly cares and studies.

We have good hope that ye have well weighed these things with yourselves, long before this time; and that ye have clearly determined, by God's grace, to give yourselves wholly to this office, whereunto it hath pleased God to call you: so that, as much as lieth in you, ye will apply yourselves wholly to this one thing, and draw all your cares and studies that way; and that ye will continually pray to God the Father, by the mediation of our Saviour Jesus Christ, for the heavenly assistance of the Holy Ghost; that by daily reading and weighing the Scriptures, ye may grow riper and stronger in your ministry: and that ye may so endeavor yourselves from time to time to sanctify the lives of you and yours, and to fashion them after the rule and doctrine of Christ, that ye may be wholesome and godly examples and patterns for the people to follow.

And now, that this present congregation of Christ may also understand your minds and wills in these things, and that this your promise may the more move you to do your duties, we shall ask of you the following questions:

DO you think in your heart, that you are truly called, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, to the order and ministry of the Presbytery?

Answer. I think so.

Question. Are you persuaded that the Holy Scriptures contain all doctrine required as necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ? And are you determined out of the same Scriptures to instruct the people committed

to your charge, and to teach nothing as necessary to salvation but that which you shall be persuaded may be concluded and proved by the same?

Answer. I am so persuaded, and have so determined, by God's grace.

Question. Will you then give your faithful diligence always so to minister the doctrine and ordinances, and the discipline of Christ, as the Lord hath commanded, so that you may teach the people committed to your care and charge with all diligence to keep and observe the same?

Answer. I will so do, by the help of the Lord.

Question. Will you be ready, with all faithful diligence, to banish and drive away from the Church all erroneous and strange doctrines contrary to God's word: and to use both public and private monitions and exhortations, as well to the sick as to the whole, within your cures, as need shall require, and occasion shall be given?

Answer. I will, the Lord being my helper.

Question. Will you be diligent in prayers and in reading the Holy Scriptures, and in such studies as help to the knowledge of the same, laying aside the study of the world and the flesh?

Answer. I will endeavor to do so, the Lord being my helper.

Question. Will you be diligent to frame and fashion your own selves and your families according to the doctrine of Christ; and to make both yourselves and them, as much as in you lieth, wholesome examples and patterns to the flock of Christ?

Answer. I will apply myself thereto, the Lord being my helper.

Question. Will you maintain and set forwards, as much as lieth in you, quietness, peace, and love, among all Christian people, and especially among them that are or shall be committed to your charge?

Answer. I will do so, the Lord being my helper.

The one presiding.

ALMIGHTY God, who hath given you this will to do all these things; grant also unto you strength and power to perform the same; that he may accomplish his work which he hath begun in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

After this, the Congregation should be desired, secretly in prayer, to make their humble supplications to God for all these things; for the which prayers there should be silence kept for a space.

That done, the one presiding should pray in this wise, and say:

LET US PRAY.

ALMIGHTY God and heavenly Father, who of Thine infinite love and goodness towards us, hast given to us Thy only and most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ to be our Redeemer, and the Author of everlasting life; who,

after He had made perfect our redemption by His death, and was ascended into heaven, sent abroad into the world His Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Teachers, and Pastors; by whose labor and ministry He gathered together a great flock in all the parts of the world, to set forth the eternal praise of Thy holy Name; for these so great benefits of Thy eternal goodness, and for that Thou hast vouchsafed to call these Thy servants here present to the same office and ministry, appointed for the salvation of mankind, we render unto Thee most hearty thanks, we praise and worship Thee; and we humbly beseech Thee by the same Thy blessed Son, to grant unto all who either here or elsewhere call upon Thy holy Name, that we may continue to show ourselves thankful unto Thee for these and all other benefits; and that we may daily increase and go forward in the knowledge and faith of Thee and Thy Son, by the Holy Spirit. So that as well by these Thy ministers as by them over whom they shall be appointed Thy ministers, Thy holy Name may be for ever glorified, and Thy blessed kingdom enlarged; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

To be said or sung by the clergy and people, all standing.

VENI, CREATOR SPIRITUS.

COME, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost Thy sevenfold gifts impart;
Thy blessed unction from above
Is comfort, life, and fire of love;
Illumine with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded sight:
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
Where Thou art Guide no ill can come.
Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And Thee, of both to be but one;
That, through the ages all along,
This may be our endless song;
Praise to Thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Then the Ministers in the Chancel, laying their hands severally upon the head of every one of them, kneeling, let the Bishop, or Presbyter presiding, say:

TAKE thou authority to hold the office and execute the work of a Presbyter in the Church of God, and be Thou a faithful dispenser of the Word of God and a true shepherd over His flock. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then let the Bishop, or Presbyter presiding, deliver to each one of them kneeling, the Bible into his hand, saying:

TAKE thou authority to preach the Word of God and to administer the ordinances in the Congregation, where thou shalt be lawfully appointed thereunto.

Then let the Minister go on with the Communion Service; all they who receive Orders partaking together.

The Communion being done, after the last Collect, and immediately before the Benediction, let there be said this Collect:

MOST merciful Father, we beseech Thee to send upon these Thy servants Thy heavenly blessing; that they may be clothed with righteousness, and that Thy Word spoken by their mouths may have such success that it may never be spoken in vain. Grant also that the people to whom they may minister may have grace to hear and receive what they shall deliver out of Thy most holy Word, or agreeable to the same, as the means of their salvation; so that all may seek Thy glory, and the increase of Thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

And if on the same day the Order of Deacons be given to some, and the Order of Presbyters to others; the Deacons should be first presented, and then the Presbyters.

THE

Reception of Presbyters.

Form for the Reception into this Communion, of those who have been already ordained in other Christian denominations, answering to the definition in the XIXth Article.

Morning Prayer having been said, after the Sermon, the Presbyter to be admitted should be presented to the Bishop by a Presbyter of this Church, as follows:

REVEREND Sir, I present unto you this godly and well-learned Presbyter to be received into our Ministry.

Bishop.

REVEREND Brother, it has been duly certified to us that you have been ordained to the Holy Ministry, after due examination, in the ——— Branch of the Church, and are now desiring to labor among us; do you solemnly declare your belief in the Old and New Testaments, and the doctrines set forth in our Articles and Liturgy?

Answer. I do.

Bishop. Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

Answer. Who hath made heaven and earth.

Bishop. Let us pray. [*All kneeling.*]

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name: Thy kingdom come: Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread: And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

MOST merciful Father, we beseech Thee, to send upon this Thy servant Thy heavenly blessing; that he may be clothed with righteousness, and that Thy Word spoken by his mouth may have such success that it may never be spoken in vain. Grant also that the people to whom he may minister may

have grace to hear and receive what he shall deliver out of Thy most holy Word, or agreeable to the same, as the means of their salvation; so that all may seek Thy glory, and the increase of Thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then let the Presbyter to be received kneel, and the Bishop and Presbyters present lay their hands on his head, the Bishop saying:

BROTHER, take thou authority to execute in this Church the office of a Presbyter, to which thou hast already been ordained, and be thou a faithful dispenser of the Word of God and of the Christian ordinances; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then let the Bishop deliver a charge to the newly-received Presbyter, as follows:

REVEREND Brother, we welcome you to the work of the Lord in this our portion of His vineyard. For while the Church of Christ is one, and never to be divided, yet, nevertheless, within this unity it hath varieties of service and order and worship, which His people may adopt or change according to their individual sentiments or views, without overstepping the main boundaries of the kingdom.

And now, in making this change in your department of labor, suffer us to recall to your mind how weighty an office you fill in being a messenger, watchman, and steward of the Lord; set forth to teach, to warn, and to provide for the Lord's family, to seek for Christ's sheep that are dispersed abroad, and for His children that are in the midst of this naughty world, that they may be saved through Christ for ever.

May your labor, care, and diligence ever be exerted, through the heavenly assistance of the Holy Ghost, for the successful issue of this great work, so that at last your account may be rendered to the Great Shepherd with joy and not with grief. May there be many witnesses, in the great day, to your zeal and fidelity, and may many stars be added to your crown of rejoicing.

A suitable Hymn may then be sung, and Collects or extempore Prayers at the discretion of the Minister.

After which this Benediction:

THE God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant; Make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

FORM FOR THE

Installation of a Bishop.

Let the Service be opened with the Order for the Celebration of the Holy Communion. The Epistle, Gospel, Psalter, and Collects being as follows:

THE EPISTLE.—Tim. iv. 6.

IF thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained. But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness. For bodily exercise profiteth little; but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation. For therefore we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God who is the Saviour of all men, especially of those that believe. These things command and teach. Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attendance to reading to exhortation, to doctrine. Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee.

THE GOSPEL.—Matt. xx. 20.

THEN came to Him the mother of Zebedee's children, with her sons, worshiping Him, and desiring a certain thing of Him. And He said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto Him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on Thy right hand, and the other on the left, in Thy kingdom. But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto Him, We are able. And He saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give,

but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father. And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation against the two brethren. But Jesus called them unto Him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many.

PSALM CXLV.

I WILL extol Thee, my God, O King; and I will bless Thy Name for ever and ever.

2. Every day will I bless Thee; and I will praise Thy Name for ever and ever.

3. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable.

4. One generation shall praise Thy works to another, and shall declare Thy mighty acts.

5. I will speak of the glorious honor of Thy majesty, and of Thy wondrous works.

6. And men shall speak of the might of Thy terrible acts: and I will declare Thy greatness.

7. They shall abundantly utter the memory of Thy great goodness, and shall sing of Thy righteousness.

8. The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

9. The Lord is good to all: and His tender mercies are over all His works.

10. All Thy works shall praise Thee, O Lord; and Thy saints shall bless Thee.

11. They shall speak of the glory of Thy kingdom, and talk of Thy power;

12. To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of His kingdom.

13. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

14. The Lord upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.

15. The eyes of all wait upon Thee: and Thou givest them their meat in due season.

16. Thou openest Thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

17. The Lord is righteous in all His ways, and holy in all His works.

18. The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth.

19. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear Him: He also will hear their cry, and will save them.

20. The Lord preserveth all them that love Him: but all the wicked will He destroy.

21. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh bless His holy Name for ever and ever.

THE COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY God, Giver of all good things, mercifully behold this Thy servant, now called to the office of a Bishop, and so replenish him with the truth of Thy doctrine, and adorn him with innocency of life, that, both by word and good example, he may faithfully serve Thee to the glory of Thy Name and the edification of Thy people; through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

Then, after a Hymn and a Sermon, and immediately at the close of the Prayer for the Church Militant, let the elected Bishop be presented by two other Ministers unto the Bishop or Presbyter presiding, who should say:

BROTHER, Forasmuch as the Holy Scripture commands that we should not be hasty in admitting any person to office in the Church which Christ hath purchased with no less price than the shedding of His own blood, we will examine you in certain Articles, to the end that the congregation present may have a trial, and bear witness, how you are minded to behave yourself in the Church of God.

Question. Are you persuaded that the Holy Scriptures contain all doctrine required as necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ? And are you determined, out of the same Holy Scriptures, to teach or maintain nothing as necessary to eternal salvation but that which you shall be persuaded may be concluded and proved by the same?

Answer. I am so persuaded, and determined, by God's grace.

Question. Will you then faithfully exercise yourself in the Holy Scriptures, and call upon God by prayer for the true understanding of the same; so that you may be able by them to teach and exhort with wholesome Doctrine, and to withstand and convince the gainsayers?

Answer. I will so do, by the help of the Lord.

Question. Will you endeavor, with all faithful diligence, to banish and drive away from the Church all erroneous and strange doctrines contrary to God's word: and both privately and openly call upon and encourage others to the same?

Answer. I will, the Lord being my helper.

Question. Will you deny all ungodliness and worldly lusts, and live soberly,

righteously, and godly in this present world; that you may show yourself in all things an example of good works unto others, that the adversary may be ashamed, having nothing to say against you?

Answer. I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

Question. Will you maintain and set forward, as much as shall lie in you, quietness, love, and peace among all men, and faithfully perform such functions and exercise such discipline as by proper authority shall be committed to you?

Answer. I will so do, by the help of God.

Question. Will you bear yourself with meekness and gentleness in this high office, never striving after power, or presuming to be a lord over God's heritage?

Answer. I will endeavor so to do, by the help of God.

Then let the one presiding say:

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who hath given you a good will to do all these things; grant also unto you strength and power to perform the same; that He accomplishing in you the good work which He hath begun, you may be found unblamable at the latter day, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LORD, hear our prayer.
Answer. And let our cry come unto Thee.

LET US PRAY.

ALMIGHTY God, and most merciful Father, who of Thine infinite goodness hast given Thine only and dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ to be our Redeemer, and the Author of everlasting life; who, after that He had made perfect our redemption by His death, and was ascended into heaven, poured down His gifts abundantly upon men, making some Apostles, some Prophets, some Evangelists, some Pastors and Teachers, to the edifying and making perfect His Church; Grant, we beseech Thee, to this Thy servant, such grace that he may evermore be ready to spread abroad Thy Gospel, the glad tidings of reconciliation with Thee; and perform the duties entrusted to Him, not to destruction, but to salvation; not to hurt, but to help: so that, as a wise and faithful servant, He may at last be received into everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

Then let the Ministers present in the Chancel lay their hands upon the head of the elected Bishop, kneeling before them, and the one presiding say:

RECEIVE thou commission for the office and work of a Bishop in the Church of God. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then let the one presiding deliver him the Bible, saying:

GIVE heed unto reading, exhortation, and doctrine. Think upon the things contained in this Book. Be diligent in them, that the increase coming thereby may be manifest unto all men, for by so doing thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee. Hold up the weak, bind up the broken-hearted, bring again the outcasts, seek the lost, so that when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, you may receive the never-fading crown of glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then let the Communion be concluded, and for the last Collect, immediately before the Benediction, be said this:

MOST merciful Father, we beseech Thee to send down upon this Thy servant Thy heavenly blessing; and so endue him with Thy Holy Spirit, that he, preaching Thy word, may not only be earnest to reprove, beseech, and rebuke, with all patience and doctrine, but also may be, to such as believe, a wholesome example in word, in conversation, in love, in faith, in chastity, and in humility; that faithfully fulfilling his course, at the latter day he may receive the crown of righteousness laid up by the Lord the righteous Judge, who liveth and reigneth, one God, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

A FORM OF PRAYER

AT THE

Laying of the Corner-Stone

OF A CHURCH OR CHAPEL.

At the time of the laying of the stone, the Clergy, the Wardens and Vestrymen of the Parish, and others, should go up in procession to the place where the Church or Chapel is to be erected, repeating the following Psalm:

PSALM CXXII.

I WAS glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

2. Our feet shall stand within Thy gates, O Jerusalem.

3. Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together:

4. Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.

5. For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

6. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

7. Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces.

8. For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee.

9. Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek thy good.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Then let the Minister, standing near the Corner-stone, say,

CHRISTIAN Brethren,—It is decent, and proper, and agreeable to the precepts and examples of Holy Writ, that in all our doings we should beseech Almighty God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, to direct us with His most gracious favor, and to further us with His continual help. Especially, therefore, when we are now assembled to commence a house which is to be set apart to His honor and service, and in which His holy name is to be worshiped, and His word to be proclaimed by the ministry whom He hath commissioned, let us humbly and devoutly supplicate His assistance, protection, and blessing.

LET US PRAY.

STIR up, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the wills of Thy faithful people; that they plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by Thee be plenteously rewarded, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DIRECT us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy Name; and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name: Thy kingdom come: Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread: And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Then the inscription on the stone, if any, should be read, and notice may be given of deposits made therein.

Then the Corner-stone being laid in its place, let the Minister say,

OUR help is in the name of the Lord;

Minister. Who hath made heaven and earth.

Minister. Except the Lord build the house, their labor is but lost that build it.

Then let him, striking the stone three times with a hammer, say,

IN the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. I lay the corner-stone of an edifice to be here erected by the name of ———— Church [or Chapel], and to be devoted to the service of Almighty God. Other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, even Jesus Christ; who is God over all, blessed for evermore; and in whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins.

Minister.

O LORD, open Thou our lips;

Answer. And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Minister. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord.

Answer. The Lord's name be praised.

Then let there be said or sung the following Hymn:

PRAISE ye the Lord. Praise ye the name of the Lord; praise Him, O ye servants of the Lord.

Ye that stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God.

Praise the Lord; for the Lord is good: sing praises unto His name; for it is pleasant.

The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

The Lord is good to all: and His tender mercies are over all His works.

All Thy works shall praise Thee, O Lord; and Thy saints shall bless Thee.

The Lord doth build up Jerusalem: He gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.

He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear Him, in those that hope in His mercy.

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion.

For He hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; He hath blessed thy children within thee.

He maketh peace in thy borders, and fillest thee with the finest of the wheat.

He that is our God is the God of salvation; and unto God the Lord belong the issues from death.

O God, Thou art terrible out of Thy holy places: the God of Israel is He that giveth strength and power unto His people. Blessed be God.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Minister.

THE law was given by Moses;

People. But grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

Minister and People. Who is God over all, blessed for evermore. Amen.

Minister.

LET US PRAY.

BLESSED be Thy name, O Lord, that it hath pleased Thee to put it into the hearts of Thy servants to commence the erection of a building in which Thy holy name is to be worshiped, and the messages of reconciliation are to be proclaimed, and the means and pledges of Thy grace and mercy administered. Prosper Thou them, O God, in this their undertaking; O prosper Thou their handy-work. Give to those who have the management of the concerns of this congregation unity of council, purity of intention, and a supreme aim at the advancement of Thy glory, in promoting the extension and interests of Thy holy Church, appointed for the salvation of mankind. Guard by Thy providence every thing which may appertain to the building

which is now begun in Thy fear, and in dependence on Thy blessing. Excite the skill and animate the industry of the superintendents and workmen. Protect them from accident and from danger. And grant that all who are in any way connected with this temple to be made with hands, may seek those influences of Thy Holy Spirit by which their souls will be made temples holy unto Thee, and prepared for that city of the living God, which is eternal in the heavens. Animate us all who are here present, O God of our salvation, with the same holy purpose; that seeking supremely Thy mercy and favor, through Thy Son our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, in the ordinances of Thy sanctuary on earth, we may finally be admitted to unite in the praises, and to partake of the felicity, of the company of the redeemed, in the courts of the heavenly Zion. And hasten, we beseech Thee, the time when Thy Church, at unity in itself, shall serve Thee in godly quietness, and when all who profess Thy holy name may agree in the truth of Thy holy word and be one in that faithful communion with the mystical body of Thy Son, by which they will grow up unto Him in all things; and glorifying Thee in Thy Church on earth, with one heart and one mouth, be finally numbered with Thy saints in Thy Church triumphant. All which we ask through the merits of the same Thy Son Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Here should follow the Address, if any be delivered on the occasion. There may also be sung a portion from the Psalms or Hymns in metre, or the Gloria in Excelsis, or some other hymn or anthem from the Liturgy, or the Holy Scriptures.

BENEDICTION.

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

A Prayer to be used, with others from the Liturgy, on laying the Corner-stone of any edifice for a Literary or Charitable Institution.

ALMIGHTY God, without whom all our purposes are ineffectual and all our efforts vain, grant Thy presence and blessing to Thy humble servants assembled together to lay, with all solemnity, the corner-stone of an edifice to be devoted to Thy honor and the benefit of Thy creatures. Inspire our hearts with a humbling sense of our dependence upon Thee at all times and in all undertakings. May the foundation of this institution rest upon Thy favor. Open the hearts and hands of Thy people to give of their abundance for carrying the design into effect. Prosper every effort for its advancement, and every person engaged in its erection and support. May its blessings be enjoyed by many, and conveyed to the remotest generation. Above all, may it be an effectual though humble means of advancing Thy Name and praise among this people. All which we ask through the merits and for the sake of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE FORM OF

Consecration

OF A

CHURCH OR CHAPEL.

The Clergy should be received at the entrance by the Wardens and Vestrymen, and then go up the aisle, repeating the following Psalm alternately with the Congregation.

PSALM XXIV.

THE earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

2. For He hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

3. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in His holy place?

4. He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up His soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

5. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of His salvation.

6. This is the generation of them that seek Him, that seek thy face, O Jacob.

7. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

8. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

9. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

10. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.

The Clergy being seated in the chancel, let the Consecrator receive the instruments of donation and endowment, if there be any, and then say:

DEARLY beloved in the Lord, forasmuch as devout and holy men, as well under the law as under the gospel, moved either by the express command of God or by the secret inspiration of the blessed Spirit, and acting agreeably

to their own reason and sense of the natural decency of things, have erected houses for the public worship of God, and separated them from all unhallowed, worldly, and common uses, in order to fill men's minds with greater reverence for His glorious Majesty, and affect their hearts with more devotion and humility in His service, which pious works have been approved of and graciously accepted by our heavenly Father; let us not doubt but that He will also favorably approve our godly purpose of setting apart this place in solemn manner for the performance of the several offices of religious worship, and let us faithfully and devoutly beg His blessing on this our undertaking.

PRAYER.

O ETERNAL God, mighty in power, and of majesty incomprehensible, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of temples made with hands, and who yet hast been graciously pleased to promise Thy especial presence wherever two or three of Thy faithful servants shall assemble in Thy name to offer up their praises and supplications unto Thee; vouchsafe, O Lord, to be present with us who are here gathered together, with all humility and readiness of heart, to consecrate this place to the honor of Thy great name, separating it henceforth from all unhallowed, ordinary, and common uses, and dedicating it to Thy service, for reading Thy holy Word, for celebrating Thy holy ordinances, for offering to Thy glorious Majesty the sacrifices of prayer and thanksgiving, for blessing Thy people in Thy name, and for the performance of all other holy offices. Accept, O Lord, this service at our hands, and bless it with such success as may tend most to Thy glory, and the furtherance of our happiness, both temporal and spiritual, through Jesus Christ our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

REGARD, O Lord, the supplications of Thy servants, and grant that whosoever shall be dedicated to Thee in this house by baptism, may be sanctified by the Holy Ghost, delivered from Thy wrath and eternal death, and received as a living member of Christ's Church, and may ever remain in the number of Thy faithful children. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall receive in this place the memorials of the body and blood of Christ, may come to that holy ordinance with faith, charity, and true repentance; and being filled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction, may, to their great and endless comfort, obtain remission of their sins, and all other benefits of His passion. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that by Thy holy Word which shall be read and preached in this place, and by Thy Holy Spirit grafting it inwardly in the heart, the hearers thereof may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and may have power and strength to fulfil the same. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall be joined together in this place in the holy estate of matrimony, may faithfully perform and keep the vow and covenant between them made, and may remain in perfect love together unto their life's end. Amen.

Grant, we beseech Thee, blessed Lord, that whosoever shall draw near to Thee in this place, to give thanks for the benefits which they have received at Thy hands, to set forth Thy most worthy praise, to confess their sins unto Thee, and to ask such things as are requisite and necessary as well for the body as for the soul, may do it with such steadiness of faith, and with such seriousness, affection, and devotion of mind, that Thou mayest accept their bounden duty and service, and vouchsafe to give whatever in Thy infinite wisdom Thou shalt see to be most expedient for them. All which we beg for Jesus Christ's sake, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Then let the sentence of Consecration be read and laid upon the Communion table, after which let the Consecrator say:

BLESSED be Thy Name, O Lord, that it hath pleased Thee to put it into the hearts of Thy servants to appropriate and devote this house to Thy honor and worship; and grant that all who shall enjoy the benefit of this pious work may show forth their thankfulness by making a right use of it, to the glory of Thy blessed Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Here should follow the Communion Service.

THE EPISTLE.—2 Cor. vi. 14-17.

BE ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? and what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? and what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God: as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

THE GOSPEL.—St. John ii. 13.

AND the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and found in the temple those that sold oxen, and sheep, and doves, and the changers of money sitting: and when He had made a scourge of small cords, He drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables, and said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise. And His disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up.

PSALM LXXXIV.

HOW amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!

2. My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

3. Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even Thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

4. Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house: they will be still praising Thee.

5. Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee; in whose heart are the ways of them.

6. Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.

7. They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.

8. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob.

9. Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of Thine anointed.

10. For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

11. For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.

12. O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in Thee.

PSALM CXXII.

I WAS glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

2. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

3. Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together:

4. Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.

5. For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

6. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

7. Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces.

8. For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee.

9. Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good.

PSALM CXXVII.

LORD, remember David, and all his afflictions:

2. How he sware unto the Lord, and vowed unto the mighty God of Jacob;

3. Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house, nor go up into my bed;

4. I will not give sleep to mine eyes, or slumber to mine eyelids,

5. Until I find out a place for the Lord, an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.

6. Lo, we heard of it at Ephratah: we found it in the fields of the wood.

7. We will go into His tabernacles: we will worship at His footstool.

8. Arise, O Lord, into Thy rest; Thou and the ark of Thy strength.

9. Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let Thy saints shout for joy.

10. For Thy servant David's sake turn not away the face of Thine anointed.

11. The Lord hath sworn in truth unto David; He will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.

12. If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them; their children also shall sit upon thy throne for evermore.

13. For the Lord hath chosen Zion; He hath desired it for His habitation.

14. This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.

15. I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread.

16. I will also clothe her priests with salvation, and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.

17. There will I make the horn of David to bud: I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed.

18. His enemies will I clothe with shame: but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

THE COLLECT.

O MOST glorious Lord, we acknowledge that we are not worthy to offer unto Thee any thing belonging unto us; yet we beseech Thee, in Thy great goodness, graciously to accept the dedication of this place to Thy service, and to prosper this our undertaking; receive the prayers and intercessions of all those Thy servants who shall call upon Thee in this house, and give them grace to prepare their hearts to serve Thee with reverence and godly fear; affect them with an awful apprehension of Thy divine majesty, and a deep sense of their own unworthiness, that, so approaching Thy sanctuary with lowliness and devotion, and coming before Thee with clean thoughts and pure hearts, with bodies undefiled and minds sanctified, they may always perform a service acceptable to Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER

At the close of the Service.

BLESSED be Thy Name, O Lord God, for that it hath pleased Thee to have Thy habitation among the sons of men, and to dwell in the midst of the assembly of the saints upon the earth. Bless, we beseech Thee, the religious exercises of this day, and grant that in this place, now set apart to Thy service, Thy holy Name may be worshiped, in truth and purity, through all generations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

FOR

Civil and Religious Liberty.

As in some places, the Fourth day of July, in commemoration of American Independence, is celebrated with religious services, it is deemed expedient to insert the following form.

A Form of Prayer and Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the inestimable blessings of Civil and Religious Liberty, to be used yearly on the Fourth day of July, unless it happens to be on Sunday, and then on the day following.

The Service should be that for Morning Prayer, except where it is hereby otherwise appointed.

Among the Sentences at the beginning let there be the following:

THE eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.—*Deut.* xxxiii. 27.

Israel then shall dwell in safety alone; the fountain of Jacob shall be upon a land of corn and wine, also His heavens shall drop down dew.—*Deut.* xxxiii. 28.

Happy art thou, O Israel; who is like unto thee, O people saved by the Lord, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency!—*Deut.* xxxiii. 29.

The Lord hath been mindful of us, and He shall bless us; He shall bless them that fear Him, both small and great.—*Psalm* cxv. 12, 13.

O that men would therefore praise the Lord for His goodness, and declare the wonders that He doeth for the children of men.—*Psalm* cvii. 21.

Instead of "O come, let us sing," etc., let the following Hymn be said or sung:

MY song shall be alway of the loving-kindness of the Lord: with my mouth will I ever be showing His truth from one generation to another.

The merciful and gracious Lord hath so done His marvellous works, that they ought to be had in remembrance.

Who can express the noble acts of the Lord, or show forth all His praise.

The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

For He will not alway be chiding; neither keepeth He His anger for ever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth; so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him.

Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children; even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear Him.

Thou, O God, hast proved us; Thou also hast tried us, like as silver is tried.

Thou didst remember us in our low estate, and redeem us from our enemies; for Thy mercy endureth for ever.

Instead of the usual prayers after the Creed, let the following be used.

O HOLY, righteous, and immortal God, King of kings and Lord of lords, who dost from Thy heavenly throne behold and govern all the people and kingdoms of this lower world, Thou art a strong tower and defence to those who fear and trust in Thee; Thou art the Giver of all good, and the only hope of all the ends of the earth. With humble adoration we would lift our heart and voice to Thee in praise and prayer. We adore Thee as the God in whom our fathers trusted; as the God whose holy, protecting arm has preserved the people of these United States through many and great perils; has distinguished them by unnumbered blessings, and given them a great name among the nations of the earth. We praise Thee for the dispensations of Thy bountiful hand, and for all Thy goodness vouchsafed to us Thy favored people. Through Thy blessing, and because Thy compassions fail not, we are brought again to behold this anniversary of our national independence. May its return call to our remembrance Thy mercies, which have ever been of old; and may we be sensible that not for our own righteousness, or the uprightness of our own heart, hast Thou brought us in to possess this good land; nor has the might of our own arm given us victory in battle. Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy Name be the praise, for Thy mercy, and for Thy truth's sake. Grant unto us, we beseech Thee, such sense of Thy blessings to us and to the people of our country, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and our lives be devoted to Thee. And we pray, O God, that we and our country may still be under Thy holy care and protection. Be Thou our shield and our buckler, that we, surely trusting in Thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries. Bless all in authority over us, and so enlighten their minds, direct their counsels, and strengthen their hands, that righteousness and peace may dwell in our land. May they who are appointed to give laws and to execute them be endued with wisdom and equity, and a just regard to the public good, that through their impartial ministrations peace and happiness,

truth and justice, religion and piety may increase, and the safety and welfare of Thy people be promoted. Grant, O Lord, that a deep sense of Thy providential care may preserve us from pride and self-dependence. While we are thankful for the great blessings of civil liberty and political independence, may we be preserved from a trust in ourselves, and from all vain confidence and boasting. Let not Thy indignation be aroused by our sins, we beseech Thee. Mercifully look upon our infirmities, and turn from us the evils which we justly have deserved. Preserve us, O Lord, from desolating judgments; from selfishness, discord, and contention. O grant, we beseech Thee, that we may be united and happy; ever rejoicing in Thy holy protection. And wilt Thou, O Lord, be merciful to those who need the blessings which we enjoy. May light and liberty, and pure and undefiled religion, be more and more extended, till all the nations of the earth shall rejoice in Thee their God. And may all who shall assemble on occasion of this anniversary be duly sensible from whom our blessings flow. Help us to enjoy the bounty which Thy hand bestows, with temperance and sobriety, and in Thy faith and fear. May this day be so celebrated as not to increase the sins of the nation; but rather through Thy blessing be so observed as to diffuse the comforts of rational freedom, social affections, and pious gratitude throughout the community. Extend Thy blessing to our Churches, to our religious institutions, and to all our efforts to spread the knowledge of Christ and the comforts of His gospel. May Thy kingdom come, and Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. May the days come quickly when the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established on the top of the mountains and be exalted above the hills, and all nations flow unto it, when all the ends of the world shall see and rejoice in the salvation of our God. We ask these things in the name and through the merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

COLLECT

To be used instead of that for the day.

O GOD, whose name is excellent in all the earth, and Thy glory above the heavens; who as on this day didst inspire and direct the hearts of our Delegates in Congress, to lay the perpetual foundations of peace, liberty, and safety; we bless and adore Thy glorious Majesty for this Thy loving-kindness and providence. And we humbly pray that the devout sense of this signal mercy may renew and increase in us a spirit of love and thankfulness to Thee its only author, a spirit of peaceable submission to the laws and government of our country, and a spirit of fervent zeal for our holy religion, which Thou hast preserved and secured to us and our posterity. May we improve these inestimable blessings for the advancement of religion, liberty, and learning throughout this land, till the wilderness and solitary place be glad through us, and the desert rejoice and blossom as the rose; this we beg through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

A FORM OF

Prayer and Thanksgiving

TO ALMIGHTY GOD,

For the fruits of the earth, and all the other blessings of His Providence: to be used yearly on the FIRST THURSDAY IN NOVEMBER, or on such other day as shall be appointed by the Civil Authority.

The service should be that for Morning Prayer, except where it is hereby otherwise appointed.

Among the Sentences at the beginning should be the following:

HONOR the Lord with thy substance, and with the first-fruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine. *Prov.* iii. 9, 10.

The Lord by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath He established the heavens; by His knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew. *Prov.* iii. 19, 20.

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. *Deut.* xxxiii. 27.

Israel then shall dwell in safety alone; the fountain of Jacob shall be upon the land of corn and of wine, also His heaven shall drop down dew. *Deut.* xxxiii. 28.

Happy art thou, O Israel; who is like unto thee, O people saved by the Lord, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency! *Deut.* xxxiii. 29.

After the general Confession and Declaration of Promises, and immediately before the Lord's Prayer, let the following prayer be used.

MOST gracious God, by whose knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew; we yield Thee unfeigned thanks and praise, as for all Thy mercies, so especially for the returns of seed-time and harvest, and for crowning the year with Thy goodness, in the increase of the ground, and the gathering in of the fruits thereof. And we beseech Thee, give

us a just sense of this great mercy; such as may appear in our lives, by an humble, holy, and obedient walking before Thee all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all glory and honor, world without end. Amen.

Instead of "O come, let us sing," etc., let the following be said or sung.

PRAISE ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant, and praise is comely.

The Lord doth build up Jerusalem: He gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.

He healeth those that are broken in heart: and bindeth up their wounds.

He covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth; He maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains.

He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry.

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion.

For He hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; He hath blessed thy children within thee.

He maketh peace in thy borders, and fillest thee with the finest of the wheat.

The First Lesson should be Deut. viii., and the Second Lesson 1 Thess. v. 12 to 24.

Instead of the usual prayers after the Creed, let the following be used.

ADORABLE and everliving God, who art the Author and Giver of all good things, who visitest the earth and blessest it, making it very plenteous; who sendest rain into the valleys, makest the grass to grow upon the mountains, and crownest the year with Thy goodness; Thou art the God of all the earth. All creatures wait upon Thee, that Thou mayest give them their meat in due season. We would praise Thee, O Lord, for Thy unbounded goodness, and declare the wonders which Thou doest for the children of men. Our fathers hoped in Thee; they trusted in Thee, and Thou didst deliver them. We thank Thee, O God, for the good land which Thou gavest to them and to us, their children, and for blessings unnumbered, both temporal and spiritual, which through Thy patient goodness we still enjoy. Thou, O God, hast proved us; Thou didst remember us in our low estate, and redeemedst us from our enemies. Thou givest peace in our borders, and blessest our labors with increase. We yield Thee thanksgiving and praise for Thy great and manifold blessings vouchsafed to the government and people of these United States; that we have the enjoyment of civil and religious liberty, and are protected by the administration of just and equal laws. Grant that a sense of Thy goodness to us and to our country may engage our hearts and lives in Thy service. Give wisdom, and strength, and union to our public councils. Bless the governor and other rulers of this State, and all who are in authority over us. Bless our churches, and all our religious institutions. May the gospel

spread, and godliness more and more prevail; and may all who profess the faith of Christ walk worthy of their vocation. We pray that the blessings of that liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, may be extended and preserved among all people. Enlarge the borders of the Redeemer's kingdom, till all the ends of the earth shall rejoice in His salvation. Increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy, that Thou, being our Ruler and Guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that finally we lose not the things eternal. These things, and whatever else Thou seest to be good for us and our country, and for all the people and nations of the earth, we ask, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

THE COLLECT

To be used instead of that for the day.

O MOST merciful Father, who hast blessed the labors of the husbandman in the returns of the fruits of the earth; we give Thee humble and hearty thanks for this Thy bounty; beseeching Thee to continue Thy loving-kindness to us; that our land may still yield her increase, to Thy glory and our comfort; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER

After the Sermon.

ADORABLE and everliving God, who art the Giver of all good, grant, we beseech Thee, that the words which we have now heard, and the occasion on which we are permitted at this time to meet together, may, through Thy grace, awaken in our minds a thankful sense of Thy great goodness. Accept our repeated thanks for the goodly heritage which Thy bounty has bestowed upon us; for the civil and religious privileges which we enjoy, and for all the benefits still continued to this our favored country. We thankfully acknowledge that it is of Thy goodness that these United States have been preserved through many perils, and advanced in prosperity to an honorable name among the nations of the earth. We praise Thee for the many blessings vouchsafed to us, and to the people of this State in which we live, during the year which is now drawing towards an end. May a deep and permanent sense of Thy goodness engage our hearts and lives in Thy fear and service. Help us to enjoy the bounty which Thy hand bestows, with temperance and sobriety, and with thankfulness to Thee. Bless, O Lord, our churches and all our religious institutions, and enlarge the borders of the Redeemer's kingdom, till all the ends of the earth shall see and rejoice in Thy salvation. We present these our thankful offerings in the name and through the merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; to whom, with Thee and the Divine Spirit, be rendered unceasing praise. Amen.

SERVICE

FOR

Sunday-Schools.

FIRST SUNDAY.

OPENING SENTENCE.

LET the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer.

ADDRESS.

DEAR CHILDREN: The great goodness of our heavenly Father has permitted us once more to meet on His holy Sabbath. Let us unite to praise Him for the blessings we enjoy, to acknowledge our sinfulness before Him, and to ask the continuance of His mercies to us for the time to come. He has promised to hear us when we pray, and to grant us the mercies for which we ask, in the blessed name of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Let us now, therefore, unite our hearts in humble and affectionate prayer to Him.

CONFESSION.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father: We have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done: And there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore Thou those who are penitent; According to Thy promises declared unto mankind, in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; To the glory of Thy holy Name. Amen.

PRAYERS.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, enable us to worship Thee in spirit and in truth. We praise Thee, as our Divine Creator, in whom we live, and move, and have our being. We bless Thee, as our gracious Redeemer, who hast borne our sins on the Cross, and died and risen again for us, that we might have eternal life in Thee. We adore Thee, as our heavenly Comforter and Sanctifier, by whose power alone we can become new creatures, and live to the glory of our God. In Thine hand, O Lord, our breath is, and Thine are all our ways. May we be enabled truly to live for Thee, and be made partakers of Thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father in heaven, we unite to praise Thee this day for all the blessings and privileges which we enjoy. Great and manifold have been Thy mercies to us. We bless Thee for the return of another holy Sabbath, for the opportunity which Thou hast granted us to meet in Thy house, to hear and study Thy holy word, to sing Thy praise, and to make known our wants to Thee in prayer. Wilt Thou graciously meet us this day, and teach and guide us all, by Thine own Holy Spirit. Enable us to remember Thy commandments, to reverence Thy holy day, and truly to improve the privileges of Thy house. May we understand Thy Word, and love Thy Law, and accept and embrace Thy Gospel. Under Thy teaching, may we become wise unto salvation; and by the aid of Thy Holy Spirit be thoroughly furnished unto all good works. This day may we learn more of Thee, that we may love Thee better; and more of ourselves, that we may be more sorry for our sins, and truly seek Thy forgiveness. May our hearts be made more grateful for the many and great blessings which we enjoy, and more desirous and determined to serve Thee faithfully to the end of our lives. And in all our duties and services, wilt Thou graciously pardon and accept us, for the sake of Jesus Christ our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name: Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

NOTE.—The Superintendent should take care that all the Teachers and Children join with him in repeating the Confession and the Lord's Prayer.

SECOND SUNDAY.

OPENING SENTENCE.

ENTER not into judgment with Thy servants, O Lord, for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.

ADDRESS.

MY DEAR CHILDREN: It is a great privilege to be permitted thus to meet in our Sunday-school. Our blessed Saviour has commanded us to search the Scriptures, because they testify of Him. It should be our delight, therefore, to study God's holy Word, and we should ask the help of His Holy Spirit, that we may understand and love it. For this purpose we meet together here. But we can do no good thing without the help of God. Every good and perfect gift cometh down from Him. Let us therefore unite together to ask His presence and blessing with us, while we are here assembled.

CONFESSION.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father: We have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done: And there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore Thou those who are penitent; According to Thy promises declared unto mankind, in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; To the glory of Thy holy Name. Amen.

PRAYERS.

OUR gracious and heavenly Father, we would come before Thee with the deepest humility of spirit. We acknowledge our past neglect of Thy mercies to us, and our failure in their due improvement. We have been too unthankful for Thy blessed gospel, and too heedless of the precious influences of Thy Holy Spirit. We pray Thee to forgive us all that is past, for Jesus' sake. May His death for our sins be mercifully applied to us. May we be graciously accepted through His merits. And wilt Thou this day meet us and bless us in His name, that we may glorify Thee for ever. Amen.

O God, the Author and Giver of every good gift, we beseech Thee to give us new hearts, and to renew a right spirit within us, that we may daily follow the example of our Saviour Christ, and be made more and more like Him. May we take His yoke upon us and learn of Him to be meek and lowly in heart. Like Him, may it be our meat and drink to do Thy holy will. Let Thy Holy Spirit teach us how to pray. Enlighten our minds, that we may understand Thy Word. May we strive to enter in at the strait gate, and walk in the new and heavenly way which Thou hast opened. And now, while Thou art speaking to us in so much mercy, suffer us not to harden our hearts against Thy truth; but graciously make us obedient and holy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our heavenly Father, we beseech Thee to bless all our beloved relations and friends with heavenly blessings in Christ Jesus. Comfort and support them in all their sorrows and troubles with the consolations of Thy blessed Spirit. May our earthly parents, and our brothers and sisters, always be the children of our heavenly Father. May our Pastor, whom Thou hast set over us in Thy house, be a faithful shepherd and guide to us, and may we be able to profit and improve much by His instructions. Let all Thy ministers be strengthened with Thy heavenly grace, and let the knowledge of Thy gospel be spread through all nations. Have pity upon the multitudes who are destitute of the privileges which we enjoy. Be merciful to the heathen who know Thee not, and the people who call not on Thy name, that they may hear Thy truth, and turn to Thee and live. Let Thy gracious presence be with all of us in the duties of this day. May both teachers and scholars be truly instructed in Thy holy Word and Will by Thine own Spirit. And wilt Thou accept us in all our prayers and praise, and bless us in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name: Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

THIRD SUNDAY.

OPENING SENTENCE.

THE Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth.

ADDRESS.

DEAR CHILDREN: It is a very sacred service, as well as a great privilege, in which we engage, when we unite together to pray, and to study God's holy Word. We are all sinful in His sight. We ought to feel and to confess our sinfulness before Him. He has promised forgiveness to those who truly repent. Let us come before Him to-day, with our hearts humbled with a sense of our guilt, and with a sincere desire for His pardon, and for the presence and aid of His Holy Spirit, to teach us, and lead us in the way of everlasting life. With this mind and heart, let us now unite in prayer.

CONFESSION.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father: We have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done: And there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore Thou those who are penitent; According to Thy promises declared unto mankind, in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; To the glory of Thy holy Name. Amen.

PRAYERS.

OUR heavenly Father, we acknowledge that we are not worthy to offer any thing unto Thee. Yet we beseech Thee, mercifully to accept our supplications, and to answer our prayers, for Thy dear Son's sake. Have pity upon the darkness of our minds, and the hardness of our hearts. Instruct our ignorance. Subdue our disobedient hearts. Renew our sinful natures by Thine own Holy Spirit. No sinful child can know or love Thee, but by Thy grace. Oh, send that heavenly grace to us, that we may love Thee and obey Thee with all our hearts, and find Thy service to be our sincere delight. Great is our privilege in being allowed thus to meet on

Thy holy day. Yet how often have we thus met together, when our sinful hearts have wandered from Thee, and forgotten Thy holy presence with us. Oh, forgive us all our past negligence and ingratitude to Thee. Have mercy upon us, and love us freely, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O gracious God, in whom alone we live, help us this day to begin a new and holy life. May we set out in the path of Thy commandments, with a sincere determination to serve Thee faithfully, and to spend all our time to come in doing Thy holy will. May we never forget that Thou art about our path, and art acquainted with all our ways. Enable us to remember, that our secret thoughts are known to Thee, and no concealment can hide our sins from Thee. We know that our days on earth may be but few, and we pray Thee to make us ready for the solemn hour when they shall end. Suffer us not to live in a careless neglect of Thee, and of our own precious souls. Daily awaken and renew us by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may honor Thee by a life of constant obedience to Thy commands, and be found always ready to meet Thee in peace, through the merits of Thy dear Son. Oh, may we be clothed with the righteousness of our Divine Redeemer, and be wholly accepted by Thee for His sake. In Him may we find that peace which passeth all understanding, and an inheritance of everlasting glory. We pray also for all those who are ignorant of this Divine Saviour, that they may hear His glorious name, and embrace the blessed hope which His gospel offers to sinful men. This day let Thy gospel be made the word of salvation to those who hear it. Let Thy ministers be prospered in all the work which Thou hast given them to do. Let Thy Church be refreshed and sanctified with the power of the Holy Spirit. And may all who meet to worship Thee receive Thy heavenly blessing. Let Thy fatherly care and presence be especially with us this day. May our school be guided and governed and taught by Thee. And wilt Thou accept us in all our services for the sake of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name: Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

FOURTH SUNDAY.

OPENING SENTENCE.

O COME, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

ADDRESS.

DEAR CHILDREN: We owe every blessing to the goodness of our heavenly Father. Daily should we praise Him for His kindness to us. Especially when we meet together in our Sunday-School, ought we to come with united thanksgiving to Him for all His mercies. Our highest blessings are the mercies of redemption through our Lord Jesus Christ. These we learn in the Holy Scriptures. These the worship of our Church constantly teaches us. Let us unite together this day in studying them in God's holy Word, and in offering our prayers and our praise to Him for such inestimable love to us.

CONFESSION.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father: We have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done: And there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore Thou those who are penitent; According to Thy promises declared unto mankind, in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; To the glory of Thy holy Name. Amen.

PRAYERS.

O GRACIOUS God, Thy goodness has again provided for us a holy Sabbath. Thy great mercy permits us to meet in Thy house, and to worship Thee as the Lord of the Sabbath, and the Giver of all its blessings. Thy gracious providence has led us all our life long, and surrounded us with mercies; the least of which we could never have deserved. We have often broken Thy commandments, and deserved Thine anger for our sins; yet hast Thou still protected us in mercy, and been forbearing and patient with us. Oh, help us this day to be thankful as we ought to be for such

abounding love. Enable us to love and praise Thee for these unceasing proofs of Thy compassion. We bless Thee that we have an Almighty Saviour, who hath died for us, and risen again, and ever liveth to make intercession for us. We praise Thee that we have a heavenly Comforter, to make us holy after Thine image, and to prepare us for Thy presence. We pray Thee to accept our thanks for all Thy mercies, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, who hast promised to receive those who come unto Thee in Thy Son's name, we would come into Thy house this day, in the multitude of Thy mercies, and seek that glorious salvation which Thou hast provided for us in Thy dear Son. Oh, send out the light of Thy Holy Spirit to lead us to know and love Thy truth. Permit us not to forsake Thee, or ungratefully to neglect Thy Word. May Christ dwell in our hearts. May we love Him, and love to follow Him. May we have grace always to obey Him on the earth, and be prepared to dwell with Him for ever. We desire to be among those little ones of whom He hath said, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." We pray Thee to make us so attentive to Thy Word, so anxious to learn the way of eternal life, so humble in our spirit, and so holy and obedient in our hearts, that we may ever honor the name of our Divine Saviour, and through His merits, be accepted by Him at His coming. May we this day gain some knowledge and improvement which shall make us happier in Thy service, more useful in our lives, and more ready for Thy presence and glory. Let Thy constant blessing rest upon our Pastor, upon our Church, upon our Teachers, and our School, and upon all others for whom we should pray. May all our earthly friends be partakers of Thy heavenly blessings. And may we be pardoned and accepted in all the duties of this day, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name: Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

FIFTH SUNDAY.

OPENING SENTENCE.

HEAR us, O Lord, for Thy loving-kindness is good. Turn unto us according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies.

ADDRESS.

MY DEAR CHILDREN: The promises of God are very gracious to us. He invites us to assemble ourselves together to worship and serve Him. He promises to meet us, and be in the midst of us, if we truly seek Him. It is a great privilege thus to be allowed to meet Him as our heavenly Father in peace. Let us come before Him to-day depending upon His gracious promise, and desiring truly to find pardon and peace in Him. Happy are they who know Him and love Him, and to whom he makes known the riches of His grace and mercy. Let us now unite to seek Him, as our God and Father, and to offer our prayers and praise to Him.

CONFESSION.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father: We have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done: And there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore Thou those who are penitent; According to Thy promises declared unto mankind, in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; To the glory of Thy holy Name. Amen.

PRAYERS.

OUR gracious and merciful Father, every good and perfect gift cometh from Thee. Thou art the Author and Source of all our blessings, and our praise belongeth unto Thee. Unto Thee do we give thanks for all the privileges which Thy Gospel has brought to us, and for all the precious promises which it contains. How great are the comforts and mercies of Thy house, and of Thy holy day! How many spiritual blessings crown our lives! How many opportunities hast Thou granted us of becoming wise unto salvation, and of laying hold on eternal life! Oh, grant us more and more of

Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be renewed in heart, that we may embrace the blessed promises of Thy Word, and be made partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father in heaven, Thou hast sent Thy Son to be both a sacrifice for our sins, and also an example of a godly life. Enable us to come unto Him, and to walk in His steps. Take away from us every sinful and unholy temper, and teach us to be gentle and kind. May we have that meek and lowly spirit which was in our blessed Saviour; and learn to do unto all as we would have them do unto us. May we obey our parents, and try in every way to promote their comfort and happiness. May we be kind and affectionate to our brothers and sisters, and lay aside all malice and anger, and evil speaking. May we live in peace and love with all men, and adorn the doctrine of our Lord in all our conduct. Above all, may we have a heart to love and praise Thee, seeking Thy favor and forgiveness in daily prayer, delighting in the study of Thy holy Word, and endeavoring every day to walk humbly with Thee, our God. Give us that holiness of heart, without which no man shall see the Lord, and enable us to grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Let all our conduct show forth Thy praise, and may we strive to have every action approved in Thy sight. Oh, may we seek Thee early, and seek Thee always, that we may find Thee as our portion for ever, and be rendered meet to be partakers of Thy heavenly inheritance. And when all our precious opportunities of religious instruction and worship in this life are finished, may we be received into Thy eternal and heavenly kingdom, through the merits of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name: Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Prayer

FOR A

MEETING OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL TEACHERS.

ALMIGHTY God, be with us, we beseech Thee, in our present meeting; and may all our counsels be ordered in heavenly wisdom, and crowned with Thine abundant blessing. Graciously instruct us, that we may know the mind of the Spirit in Holy Scripture. Qualify us in heart and soul for the work committed to our trust, that so we may impart of that which we have received, and be Thine instruments in leading many into the way of life.

And we beseech Thee of Thine infinite mercies, O God, to bless the children who are given to our charge. Open their understandings and dispose their hearts to receive Thy truth, which is able to make them wise unto salvation. Awaken in their minds by Thy Spirit a deep sense of their sinfulness, and bring them to ask and receive the mercy which is in Christ Jesus. Let them fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger of soul or body. Grant, if it be consistent with Thy wisdom, that their lives may be prolonged on the earth. Prepare them, by Thy grace, to fill with honor to themselves and usefulness to the world every station of life to which Thy providence shall call them; and let it please Thee, O Lord, to raise up from among them those who shall testify for Thee in the gospel of Thy Son. And when they shall have served Thee in their day, may they be gathered into Thy kingdom in heaven, there to rest in an eternal Sabbath from sorrow, labor, and care.

Give Thy grace, we implore Thee, to all parents, sponsors, and guardians, that with all diligence and affection of heart they may train up the children of their charge in the way in which they should go.

Bestow Thy special blessing upon Thy servant whom Thou hast appointed to minister to us in the gospel of Christ; that he may be led by the Spirit, and faithfully serve before Thee to the glory of Thy name; and that his labors may be abundantly blessed in winning souls to righteousness, and crowned with acceptance in the day of the Lord Jesus. These things, and whatever else Thou shalt see necessary and convenient for him, for us, and for Thy whole Church, we humbly ask through the merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Family Prayers.

When occasion calls for it, these Prayers, slightly modified, may be used to advantage in Social and Prayer Meetings.

FIRST MORNING.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, in whom we live, and move, and have our being; we, Thy needy creatures, render Thee our humble praises, for Thy preservation of us from the beginning of our lives to this day, and especially for having delivered us from the dangers of the past night. To Thy watchful providence we owe it that no disturbance hath come nigh us or our dwelling: but that we are brought in safety to the beginning of this day. For these Thy mercies we bless and magnify Thy glorious Name; humbly beseeching Thee to accept this our morning sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; for His sake who lay down in the grave and rose again for us, Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

And since it is of Thy mercy, O gracious Father, that another day is added to our lives, we here dedicate both our souls and bodies to Thee and Thy service, in a sober, righteous, and godly life: in which resolution, do Thou, O merciful God, confirm and strengthen us; that as we grow in age, we may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

But, O God, who knowest the weakness and corruption of our nature, and the manifold temptations which we daily meet with; we humbly beseech Thee to have compassion on our infirmities, and to give us the constant assistance of Thy Holy Spirit; that we may be effectually restrained from sin, and excited to our duty. Imprint upon our hearts such a dread of Thy judgments, and such a grateful sense of Thy goodness to us, as may make us both afraid and ashamed to offend Thee. And, above all, keep in our minds a lively remembrance of that great day in which we must give a strict account of our thoughts, words, and actions; and according to the

works done in the body, be eternally rewarded or punished by Him whom Thou hast appointed the Judge of quick and dead, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

In particular, we implore Thy grace and protection for the ensuing day. Keep us temperate in our meats and drinks, and diligent in our several callings. Grant us patience under any afflictions Thou shalt see fit to lay on us, and minds always contented with our present condition. Give us grace to be just and upright in all our dealings; quiet and peaceable; full of compassion; and ready to do good to all men, according to our abilities and opportunities. Direct us in all our ways, and prosper the works of our hands in the business of our several stations. Defend us from all dangers and adversities; and be graciously pleased to take us and all things belonging to us under Thy fatherly care and protection. These things, and whatever else Thou shalt see necessary and convenient to us, we humbly beg, through the merits and mediation of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name: Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

SECOND MORNING.

O LORD God Almighty, who art the Creator and the Governor of the world, and hast abundantly provided for the various wants of Thy creatures; who hast ordered the day and the night to succeed each other, and when Thou hast refreshed man with sleep, requirest him to pursue his work until the evening; who hast also ordained that he shall be born to trouble, and hast appointed the grave to be the end of all living; We thank Thee that, while Thou hast thus placed our lot in this life, Thou hast not left us without hope in that world which is to come. We adore Thee for the gift of Jesus Christ Thy Son, by whose gospel life and immortality are brought to light, and we are fully instructed in all those things which concern our

salvation. We bless Thee for the pardon of sin, through faith in a Redeemer; for the guidance of Thy providence; and for the consolations of Thy Spirit. We thank Thee for Thy holy Sabbaths; for Thy written word; and for all the other means of grace which Thou hast entrusted to us.

Grant, we beseech Thee, that we may this day pursue with fidelity and diligence that work which Thou hast assigned to us; and that we may at the same time maintain a spiritual and heavenly mind. In the midst of life we are in death; O let us remember this awful truth; and let us live this day as we shall wish that we had done if it should indeed prove our last. Save us from the sins to which we are most prone. Leave us not to the natural dispositions of our own minds, which are ever inclining us to evil; but put Thy Spirit within us, and teach us to cultivate every Christian temper, and to abound in every good work. Strengthen our faith in the glorious promises of the gospel; and fill us with that joy and peace in believing, which shall be more than a compensation for all the temporal sacrifices to which we may be called. Dispose us to bear affliction with a patient and quiet mind; or if Thou shouldest continue to us prosperity, to be ever watchful over ourselves, and moderate in our enjoyments; and let us impart freely to others the good gifts which Thou showerest down upon us. Inspire us with zeal in the fulfilment of our relative duties; with integrity in our dealings; and the spirit of kindness to all men. Let us continually examine ourselves; and advancing in self-knowledge, let us prevail over our several infirmities. Let us grow in grace, and in all goodness, and in meetness for Thy heavenly kingdom.

We pray for Thy blessing on all our friends and relations: may they also be filled with the knowledge of Thy will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; and may we and they be of one heart and one mind, loving each other as brethren in Christ, and uniting our endeavors to promote both the good of all men and Thy glory.

Have mercy on the poor and the afflicted; strengthen the weak; succor the tempted; and guide the ignorant into the way of knowledge.

Bless the rising generation; save them from the danger of this evil world; sanctify to them the events which shall befall them; make them instruments in Thy hand for the advancement of the interests of Thy Church on earth, and members of Thy blessed family in heaven.

We offer these our humble and imperfect prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

THIRD MORNING.

ALMIGHTY and Eternal God, our Creator and Preserver, and continual Benefactor, we desire to begin this day with the acknowledgment of Thy power and goodness, and of our obligation to love and serve Thee: and we beseech Thee to grant us grace to pass the whole of it in Thy fear, and in the fulfilment of Thy commandments.

Thou hast appointed to each of us our work in life: O Lord, enable us diligently to perform our respective duties. Let us not waste our time in unprofitableness or idleness; nor be unfaithful to any trust committed to us. Let us not put on the mere appearance of goodness; nor endeavor in any respect to deceive those around us: but let us remember that Thine eye is upon us; and let us have the testimony of our consciences that, in simplicity and godly sincerity, we have our conversation in the world. Let truth be ever on our lips. Let us be examples of all integrity and uprightness. Help us also to perform a kind and Christian part towards those who may come under our influence. May we labor to do them service; and may we continually deny ourselves, that we may the more effectually and abundantly minister to the various wants of others. May we rejoice with them that rejoice, and weep with them that weep; and be kindly affectioned one to another, with brotherly love, in honor preferring one another.

We also beseech Thee to give us patience to bear the several trials and vicissitudes of life with an equal and contented mind. Let us not be perplexed with the cares of this world; nor overwhelmed with unnecessary fears; but let us ever trust Thy gracious providence, and hope in Thy goodness and mercy.

Give to us, when we are in prosperity, a spirit of moderation and sobriety. Save us from pride and from self-indulgence. Deliver us from the too great love of earthly things; and teach us to remember that it is Thou who givest us all things richly to enjoy.

Bless unto us the afflictive circumstances through which we may pass. May we see Thy hand in all Thy various dispensations; and adore Thee for the several events of Thy providence, knowing that, if we truly love and serve Thee, all things shall work together for our good.

We commend to Thy kind and fatherly care all our friends and relations. Direct, O Lord, their steps in life; and bless them with all spiritual blessings in Jesus Christ. Vouchsafe unto them the pardon of their sins, and the blessed hope of eternal life.

Have mercy on all who are in any sorrow or trouble. Do Thou provide

for them through the riches of Thy mercy, and send special help in their hour of need.

Be favorable to this nation. Bless the President of the United States, and all who are in authority. Direct our counsellors. Give wisdom to our Congress. Inspire our magistrates with integrity; and our clergy with the spirit of true religion. Deliver us from the hands of all our enemies; and give us peace among ourselves.

We offer up these our imperfect prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

FOURTH MORNING.

O LORD our Heavenly Father, most gracious and merciful God, who hast preserved us through all the stages of our past lives, and hast blessed us with unnumbered benefits, being never weary of doing us good; give us grace, we beseech Thee, most humbly and heartily to thank Thee for all Thy loving-kindness vouchsafed unto us, and let us renew the solemn dedication of ourselves unto Thee.

We confess before Thee the sins of our lives, which are more than we can number or express. We lament the evil which, day by day, in thought, word, and deed, we have committed against Thee; and we adore the riches of that mercy which forgiveth all our sins, and healeth all our iniquities, and still aboundeth even unto us, who have so grievously rebelled against Thee.

We also pray, that while we rejoice in the thought of that exceeding goodness which is revealed in the Gospel to us sinners, we may be in all respects suitably impressed with the various doctrines of Thy word; and may bring forth all those fruits of righteousness which are, by Jesus Christ, to the praise and glory of Thy name.

We pray that we may this day walk worthy of the Lord; that we may honor Thee by our patience under every trial; by our self-denial in the midst of our temptations; by our meekness under provocations; and by our unwearied zeal in doing good. We pray that we may surrender up our wills to Thy most holy will in all things; readily accommodating ourselves to every new circumstance which Thou, in Thy providence, art pleased to appoint.

Grant that, through the daily contemplation of the doctrines of Thy gospel, every good disposition may be formed in us. May the faith of Christ be made effectual to bring down our pride, to subdue our selfishness, to improve our temper, to direct and restrain our tongues, to animate us with the purest zeal, and to fill us with charity to our neighbor. May it also sanctify our daily work, furnishing the motive to it, exciting our diligence in it, and teaching us to look to Thee, O Lord, for our great and final reward. O God, bless us this day; and not this day only, but to the end of our lives. Defend us in all our future dangers; succor us in all our sorrows and adversities; lead us through every difficulty and trial; and, when all the troubles of this mortal life shall be over, conduct us at length, in peace and safety, to the haven of everlasting rest.

If it please Thee to send us prosperity, enable us to devote the good things which Thou givest us, to Thy service; and as Thou extendest Thy mercies, do Thou enlarge also the thankfulness of our hearts. Or, if it be Thy righteous will either to try us with temptations or to visit us with any sore afflictions, may we learn to bow meekly to Thy gracious providence in all things, and still to trust Thine unchanging purposes of mercy to us amidst all Thy various dispensations.

Thy providence hath ordained our lot in life, and hath ordered hitherto all things concerning us. Unto Thee, the same gracious God, do we now resign all our affairs; to Thee do we commend our bodies and souls, our temporal as well as our eternal interests. Especially we beseech Thee to save us from sin; as well as from those fears which our past transgressions might justly bring upon us.

We offer up these our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

FIFTH MORNING.

ALMIGHTY Lord our God, whose eyes are in every place beholding the evil and the good, and who seest not only our outward actions but all our most secret thoughts, we pray Thee to maintain in us this day a constant sense of Thy presence, and to preserve us from sinning against Thee. We are exposed to dangers by night and by day; our lives are in Thy hands, and unto Thee do we look for preservation from every evil. O Lord, teach us to be ever mindful of Thee. When we go out and come in,

and when we are alone and in company, may we bear in mind that Thou art continually with us, and that Thou takest account of all we think, and speak, and do.

We pray Thee, O merciful Father, to pardon our past sins, for Jesus Christ's sake. When we reflect how strict and holy is Thy law, and how often we have yielded to anger and passion, to pride and vanity, to negligence and indolence, or to the desire of some forbidden thing, we are filled with shame and confusion of face, on account of our many trespasses against Thee. But we desire to bless Thy holy name that Thou hast not left us without hope; for Thou hast revealed Thyself to us as pardoning iniquity, transgression, and sin, for the sake of Thy Son Jesus Christ. We therefore pray Thee now to receive us into Thy favor, and to make us all children of God by faith in Jesus Christ.

We draw near unto Thee, trusting in His name, and not in our own righteousness; and we also beseech Thee, for His sake, to strengthen our weakness, and to enable us this day to fulfil every duty to which we are called. May we be kind and affectionate one to another, sincere and upright in all our dealings, and diligent in our proper work. May we rejoice in every opportunity of doing good; and may we have grace to deny ourselves, that we may the more abundantly minister to the wants of others. Put into us a spirit of compassion for the poor, as well as of thankfulness to Thee who hast made us to differ. Teach us to forgive those who have injured us, since we ourselves have so many sins for which we hope to be forgiven. Produce in us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, every Christian grace. Raise us up to be instruments in Thy hand for the good of many; and, while we are serving our generation, may we be abundantly blessed in our own souls, and rejoice in the sense both of Thy pardoning mercy and of Thy constant and special protection.

We pray Thee, O Lord, to look down in compassion on all our dear friends and relations. Bestow upon them all things which Thou knowest to be needful for them. Sustain and comfort them in this life, but especially vouchsafe unto them the blessings of the life to come.

Bless our President. Direct the public councils of the nation. Give success to every endeavor to relieve the oppressed, and to establish righteousness and peace on the earth.

O Lord, we beseech Thee to bring us all, by the multitude of Thy mercies, through this world of many temptations and trials, to that place of everlasting rest and peace which Thou hast prepared for them who love Thee.

We ask all in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

SIXTH MORNING.

O LORD God Almighty, enable us, we beseech Thee, to call upon Thee with humble and devout hearts. Let us not mix any worldly or wandering thoughts with the supplications which we offer up unto Thee; but let us remember that we are now in Thy presence; and let us worship Thee in spirit and in truth.

We thank Thee, O God, for Thy mercy to us during the past night. We bless Thee for our renewed health and strength, and for the various comforts by which we are surrounded. And we desire now to dedicate again to Thee all the faculties of our bodies and of our minds, and to spend the day which is before us to Thy glory.

Deliver us, O Lord, from all the temptations of the day. Help us to resist the world, the flesh, and the devil. Let us not be drawn aside to any thing which is contrary to our Christian duty, either by the propensity to sin which is within us, or by the evil example of those around us; but let us watch and strive continually, that all our ways may be pleasing in Thy sight. We confess that we are weak, and helpless, and laden with iniquity. But do Thou, for our merciful Saviour's sake, have compassion on our infirmities; and give us grace sufficient for us in every hour of our necessity. O Lord, grant that we may thus be preserved from sin; and putting our trust in Thee, may not be confounded.

Give us faith in all the truths of Thy word; may we be daily warned by the terrors of the Lord, and invited by Thy mercy. May we meditate on the awful punishments denounced against the wicked, and call to mind the reward which Thou hast promised unto those who please Thee by patient continuance in well-doing. And thus may we be prepared to make every sacrifice to which Thou mayest be pleased to call us. May we cut off the right hand and pluck out the right eye, when Thou requirest us to do it. And may we consider all our interests in this life as of no value compared with the eternal welfare of our souls. May we seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, trusting that all things which are needful for the body shall be added unto us.

Pardon, O Lord, all our sins in time past; we pray for mercy in the name of Jesus Christ; and we bless Thee for this great Mediator, in whom we would place all our confidence and hope.

We ask every blessing in the name of the same Lord and Saviour.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

SEVENTH MORNING.

O LORD God Almighty, infinite in power, in goodness, and in mercy, help us now to worship Thee with reverence and humility. Before Thee the angels veil their faces. May we therefore approach Thee with a deep sense of Thine awful Majesty, and of Thy spotless purity and holiness; and may we so address Thee that Thou mayest hear our prayers, and pour down Thy blessing upon us.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, to grant us this day Thy Holy Spirit; that we may be strengthened to fulfil our several duties, and to resist the temptations which may come upon us. We call upon Thee in the name of Jesus Christ, through whom Thou vouchsafest strength to the weak, and suppliest all the spiritual wants of the soul. Have compassion upon us for our Saviour's sake; and give us grace to do whatever Thou requirest of us. O cleanse us, for His sake, from the stain of every sin, from pride, and envy, and malice, and selfishness, and uncharitableness; and make us meek, and lowly, and gentle, and kind, and forgiving. Let us not live to please ourselves, or indulge any evil inclinations of our own hearts; but let us aim to glorify Thee, our God, and to do good in our generation. Thou hast appointed unto each of us our work in life. We pray that we may have grace to fulfil, each of us, the duties of our several stations with integrity and fidelity. May we remember that this day Thine eye is continually upon us; and while we think of Thee, may we put our cheerful trust in Thee, and commit all our ways unto Thee, and be found in the fear of the Lord all the day long.

We desire to acknowledge Thy various mercies to us. We bless Thee that Thou coverest our table with plenty, that Thou makest us to abound with the good things of this life, and causest us to go out and come in, in safety. O Lord, help us to use with moderation the gifts which Thou bestowest; and to maintain, while we enjoy them, continual thankfulness of heart.

Especially we bless Thee for Thy mercies in Jesus Christ; by whom we obtain pardon of sin and the blessed hope of eternal life. We beseech Thee, for His sake, to give us a right understanding in all things; that we may know how to walk so as to please Thee, and how to avoid all that is hateful in Thy sight. Guide us in all difficulties; and strengthen us under all temptations; and supply Thou our spiritual as well as temporal wants, for Thy great mercy's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

EIGHTH MORNING.

O LORD God Almighty, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of another day, we pray Thee to conduct us through the same in peace; and to enable us so to pass all the time of our pilgrimage on earth, that when we go hence, we may be prepared to meet Thee in Thy heavenly kingdom. We bless Thee for that abundant grace which is treasured up for us in Jesus Christ. We thank Thee for all the motives, promises, and encouragements afforded us in Thy gospel; and we would daily rejoice in it as the power of God unto salvation unto every one that believeth. We bless Thee that Thy Son hath died a sacrifice for sin; and that the Spirit of Christ is sent to sanctify us. We therefore now pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit, that we may go forth to our daily occupations and trials, having the Lord for our righteousness and our strength.

Prepare us, we beseech Thee, for every duty of this day; arm us for every trial which may come upon us. Do Thou sanctify us, O Lord, in body, soul, and spirit. May we now seriously devote ourselves to Thee; and may we be found walking in Thy fear all the day long; fulfilling each of us our proper work with Christian humility and simplicity. Deliver us from a careless and unbelieving life. Save us from those temptations to which we may, through our age and circumstances, be most exposed. May our hearts be occupied with love to Thee, and our faculties be employed in doing good. May Thy grace increase in us; and our corruptions be weakened day by day: at the same time, forgetting the things which are behind, and looking forward to those things which are before, may we be pressing forward towards the mark of the prize of our high calling in Christ Jesus.

We also beseech Thee to deliver us from every prejudice and error by which we may be in danger of being deceived. Save us from a blinded conscience, and a false and misguided zeal. Suffer not that, through our fault, the way of truth should ever be evil-spoken of; and make us fearful lest we hinder the gospel of Christ.

O Lord, help us also this day to remember how short and uncertain is the time of our sojourning here on earth; so that, whatsoever our hands find to do, we may do it with all our might. May we often think of that blessed region where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God; and whether we eat or drink, or whatever we do, may we do all to Thy glory.

We ask all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

NINTH MORNING.

O LORD our heavenly Father, who art the Preserver of our lives and the Giver of all the good things which we enjoy, we thank Thee for the mercies of the past night. We bless Thy name that we are here met together in so much health and comfort, and that we have now the prospect of passing another day in the enjoyment of the bounties of Thy providence, while we have also set before us the blessed hope of everlasting life. We beseech Thee to give us this day grace to serve Thee in our several stations, and to walk according to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Save us from the temptations of the day; strengthen us for the fulfilment of our duties; direct us in all our difficulties; and comfort us under any trouble or adversity into which we may this day come; and grant that when we lie down at night, we may be able to look back on the hours which shall have passed with an humble confidence that Thou acceptest our services and wilt pardon our infirmities, for Jesus Christ's sake.

We beseech Thee to deliver us from pride, and envy, and censoriousness, and especially from the want of Christian kindness towards those who dwell with us in the same family, and worship Thee together, as partakers of the same faith. Preserve us also from those secret transgressions which Thine eye alone can discern in us. O Lord, grant that Thy good Spirit may this day abide within us, and dispose us to every good work.

And help us also to call often to remembrance the great love of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ: who came down from heaven to die for us, that we, being delivered from the dread of Thy wrath, and rejoicing in the hope of Thy mercy, might serve Thee, day by day, in newness of life. O Lord, strengthen our faith in Him who hath suffered on the cross for us. Teach us to walk according to His example. May we, like Him, be kind and forgiving, holy and harmless, undefiled and separate from sinners.

And bless us, not this day only, but to the end of our lives. We pray that so long as we remain in this world of trial, Thou wouldst strengthen us by Thy Holy Spirit, and comfort us, and continually direct us. Suffer us not at any time to depart from Thee, who art our Father and our God, through any allurements of the world, or any temptations of the flesh or of the devil; but make us ever steadfast in Thy truth, and faithful to Thy cause, and devoted to Thy service.

We ask in the name of our only Saviour Jesus Christ.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

TENTH MORNING.

O GOD, who hast commanded us in Thy word to call upon Thy name, and hast declared that Thou hearest and answerest the prayers of those who make their supplications unto Thee, we desire now to offer up our petitions, under a deep sense of our unworthiness and of Thy manifold and great mercies.

We bless Thee for Thy preservation of us during the past night, and we desire to acknowledge again our dependence upon Thee, and our unfeigned obligations towards Thee. We thank Thee for having poured down upon us so many blessings of this life; we thank Thee for our health and strength, for our food and raiment, and for all the comforts and conveniences which we enjoy. But above all we praise Thee for the inestimable privilege of being born in a land of religious light and knowledge. For these, and for all Thy various and great mercies, we would render unto Thee a grateful heart; and we would endeavor to show our gratitude, not with our lips only, but with our lives, by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days.

We now beseech Thee to enable us by Thy grace to pass the whole of this day in Thy fear. May we employ ourselves in doing those things which become our station and circumstances; may we mortify all our corrupt affections; may we exercise ourselves in maintaining a conscience void of offence towards Thee and towards all men; may we rise superior to our temptations, and, by Thy grace, prevail over our several infirmities.

We pray Thee, O Lord, to animate our minds by those glorious hopes which are set before us in Thy word, so that if we have any present sacrifices to make, they may seem small to us in comparison of that inward satisfaction and joy which the gospel gives in the midst of worldly disappointments. And, at the same time, deliver us from every false hope. May we examine well our title to heaven, till we know that our foundation is sure, and shall never fail us. We confess that we are daily compassed with infirmity, but we pray that every evil habit may be weakened in us, that every temptation may by degrees be overcome, and that every terror may at length be done away. May we thus be brought into the true liberty of the children of God, and serve Thee without fear, continually.

Hear, O Lord, these our prayers; and supply both our temporal and spiritual wants, for the sake of Jesus Christ our blessed Saviour.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

ELEVENTH MORNING.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we kneel down to thank Thee for Thy merciful care and protection during the past night; and we beseech Thee now to let Thy blessing rest upon us. Help us to begin the day with the solemn dedication of ourselves to Thy service; and then to go to the duties of our several stations; with an earnest desire to do every thing in Thy fear, and with a view to Thy glory.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, to establish us in the great doctrines of Thy gospel; may we be grounded in the faith of Christ crucified for us: may that history which we read in Thy holy word, of our Saviour's coming down from heaven, to live as our example, and to die as the Atonement for our sins, affect us deeply, and have its full influence upon us; may it excite our warmest gratitude to Him who died for us: may it inspire us with hatred against sin: may it elevate us above the fear of wicked men; and may we learn to take part with our suffering and despised Lord. May that zeal to save us which He showed, awaken in each of us a concern for our own salvation; and may it be the chief desire of our hearts to be made partakers of all the benefits both of His death and of His glorious resurrection.

But since we are by nature so prone to evil, and so little disposed to spiritual things, we pray Thee, O God, to purify our minds from all sinful and vain desires, by the powerful efficacy of Thy grace. O Lord, grant unto us Thy Holy Spirit. May it dwell within us as a spirit of purity and holiness, a spirit of truth and of wisdom, of peace also, and love, and of holy joy, and consolation. May we pass this day in the thankful remembrance of Thy mercies, and in the diligent performance of Thy commandments. May no evil thoughts, no angry tempers, no distressing doubts or fears disturb us. May we serve Thee our God, and live peaceably with all men. May we be kind and humble; patient and thankful, and sober-minded, and temperate in all things. May we fulfil the duties of the day, and may we lie down at night, praising Thee again for all Thy goodness, and committing ourselves with holy confidence to Thy mercy.

We commend to Thy fatherly goodness all our relations and friends, especially those who are the most closely united to us. We beseech Thee to look mercifully upon them; and to grant them whatever may most promote their present and eternal joy.

We ask these blessings in the name of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

TWELFTH MORNING.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, on whom all Thy creatures everywhere depend for life, and breath, and all things; in whose favor all their true happiness consists, and whose wrath is insupportable; we, Thy creatures, whom Thy hand hath made, and whom Thy bounty hath supported, kneel down to acknowledge the Author of our being, and to pray for Thy blessing upon us.

We lament that we are by nature so prone to evil; and that amidst the many gifts bestowed upon us, we so seldom lift up our thoughts to Him who is the Giver. Every night Thou again refreshest us with sleep; and every morning Thou renewest Thy various mercies to us; giving us health, and strength, and talents for Thy service, and affording to us fresh opportunities for our usefulness in the world.

We pray that, as our days pass away, we may be improving the time which is allotted to us. May we gather wisdom from Thy sacred word. May we diligently attend on the means of grace: and may we labor, each of us, as Thy faithful servants, in our several callings.

We pray Thee to impress upon us a deep sense of the importance of eternity. May we be looking continually to the end of our course; and remembering how soon all in which we here delight shall have passed away for ever, may we prepare to give up our account of all things done in the body; and day by day may we have our conversation in heaven; moderating our affections towards the things of this world, and living here below a life of faith in the Son of God.

And now, O Lord, whatsoever may be that employment which Thy providence allotteth to us, may we fulfil it as in Thy fear and with a view to Thy glory. And wheresoever we are this day, be Thou present with us to bless us. May Thy Spirit enlighten, strengthen, and direct us. May we fall into no sin, nor run into any kind of danger. We pray especially for grace to conquer those sins which do most easily beset us. Thou knowest, O Lord, our several infirmities. O give us grace to be careful and circumspect. Let us avoid every approach to our former temptations, and let us renew our repentance with unfeigned sorrow and contrition of heart.

Hear us, we now beseech Thee, in these our imperfect supplications. Forgive us all our past transgressions, and grant us grace for the time to come. All which we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

THIRTEENTH MORNING.

ALMIGHTY God, by whose will we were created, and by whose providence we have been sustained, by whose mercy we have been called to the knowledge of our Redeemer, and by whose grace whatever we have thought or done which hath been acceptable to Thee hath been inspired and directed; vouchsafe unto us this day Thy blessing. Strengthen us for the performance of the duties now before us. And, since Thou hast ordained labor to be the lot of man, bless our several endeavors and employments. Give us this day our daily bread. Feed us with food convenient for us. If it be Thy pleasure to cause us to abound with the good things of this life, give us a compassionate spirit, that we may be ready to relieve the wants of others; but let neither riches nor poverty estrange our hearts from Thee, nor cause us to become negligent of those treasures in heaven which can never be taken from us. And into whatever circumstances of life we may be brought, teach us to be cheerful and content. In our affliction, let us remember how often we have been succored; and in our prosperity, may we acknowledge from whose hand our blessings are received.

And do Thou dispose us all, most merciful God, so to remember our sins that we may be brought to true repentance, and unfeigned sorrow, and contrition of soul. Strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ our Lord, and grant that through the gracious help of Thy Holy Spirit we may obtain that peace which the world cannot give, and may be enabled to pass the residue of our lives in humble resignation and willing obedience. We acknowledge, O God, that every day is Thy gift, and ought to be used according to Thy command. O Thou, in whose hands are life and death, and by whose mercy we are spared, help us so to improve the time that we may every day become more holy in Thy sight; and, when it shall please Thee to call us from this mortal state, may we resign our souls into Thy hands with confidence and hope, and may we finally find mercy, and obtain a joyful resurrection to eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Bless the President of the United States, and all in authority. Extend Thy goodness to our whole native land. Pity the sorrows, and relieve the necessities of all mankind. And let Thy kingdom come; and Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

O Lord, hear our prayers, for Jesus Christ's sake, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

FOURTEENTH MORNING.

MOST gracious and merciful God, who hast protected us through the night, hast refreshed us with sleep, and hast brought us together this morning in peace, we desire to present unto Thee our unfeigned thanks and praise for all Thy various and great mercies. We confess that we are unworthy to come into Thy presence, before whom the angels veil their faces, and in whose sight the heavens are not clean; for our lives have been unholy, and our sins many and great. If, therefore, Thou shouldst mark iniquity, O Lord, who shall stand? But we rejoice that there is with Thee forgiveness and plenteous redemption, through Jesus Christ Thy Son. Pleading, therefore, His sacrifice and trusting in His intercession, we approach the throne of Thy grace, and say, "God be merciful to us sinners, for Jesus Christ's sake." O Lord, grant unto us true repentance and a lively faith. Convince us of our guilt. Discover to us every thing (either in our hearts or lives) which hath been displeasing to Thee.

We pray that through faith in the blood of Thy Son we may obtain peace in our consciences; and that through that blessed hope which is set before us, we may be raised above the various troubles, disappointments, and temptations of this present evil world.

We pray also that through the knowledge of Thy truth, and the help of Thy Spirit, we may be disposed to fulfil every precept of Thy word. May we do unto all men as we would that they should do unto us; and may we forgive one another, even as we hope to be forgiven. May we be clothed with humility; and, denying all ungodliness and worldly lusts, may we live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world. May we be content with such things as we have, fulfilling each of us our proper duties, and watching against anger, malice, hatred, envy, and all other evil tempers which are ready to rise up within us. And thus doing Thy will and walking in Thy ways, and improving every talent committed to us, may we wait for the second coming of our Lord.

Give success to the labors of the ministers of Thy gospel. Bless and purify Thy Church. Have compassion on our native land; and though many sins testify against us, take not away the means of grace so long afforded us.

These and all other things needful for us we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

FIFTEENTH MORNING.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art the Giver of all the good things which we enjoy, we, Thy creatures, who are here assembled together in Thy name, desire to offer our thanks for all Thy temporal as well as spiritual mercies. We praise Thee for that good providence which hath directed our steps in life. We thank Thee if Thou hast in any measure enlightened our minds to understand the truths which we have heard, and to know the things which make for our everlasting peace. O Lord, grant, we now most humbly beseech Thee, that we may not walk in darkness, but as He that hath called us is holy, may we also be holy in all manner of conversation. Give us grace to overcome our sinful appetites and passions, and to be sober and temperate in all things. Assist us also by Thy Holy Spirit to subdue the corrupt affections of the mind, all anger, and malice, and envy, and pride, and covetousness; and make us patient and contented, kind and charitable, humble and spiritually-minded. We pray Thee also to make us diligent and useful in that world in which Thou hast placed us. May we not misspend our time, nor neglect any opportunity of doing good; but may we be willing daily to deny ourselves, that we may the more abundantly minister to the various wants of others.

We pray Thee, O Lord, to give unto each of us grace to know the several duties to which we are called, and to be both faithful and zealous in the performance of them.

May those who bear rule in this house remember that they are only the stewards of the good things which Thou entrustest to them, and that they must give account hereafter to their Master who is in heaven.

Give to the children of this family grace to be obedient in all things, and to learn to walk in the fear of the Lord, and to exercise brotherly kindness towards each other.

May the servants of this house remember that Thine eye is upon them, and that the gospel which they have been taught requires them not only to approve themselves to their master after the flesh, but also to please God who trieth the heart.

May we all live together in Christian peace, harmony, and love; endeavoring to administer to each other's comfort, to bear each other's burdens, and to promote each other's temporal as well as spiritual good.

Pardon the coldness and imperfection of these our prayers, and accept them for Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

SIXTEENTH MORNING.

O THOU Great and Eternal Being, Author of all our mercies, we kneel down imploring Thy blessing on this family. Through Thy goodness we have been favored with many comforts, and we would humbly thank Thee for them; but we beseech Thee to add to all our other blessings the forgiveness of our sins, through faith in that Saviour whom Thou hast revealed to us in the Gospel. We pray Thee, therefore, to impress deeply on our minds, through the power of Thy Holy Spirit, the great doctrines of Thy word, to give us a clear perception of the evil of sin, a deep conviction of our own guilt, a solemn belief in heaven and hell, and a true sense of our obligations to the Lord who bought us. Suffer not that we who have been baptized into the Christian name and taught the truths of the Gospel, should live in the same manner as unbelievers; but enable us, by applying those heart-affecting doctrines which we have learnt, to our daily use in life, to become distinguished as the disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord. May we indeed cleave to the Lord with full purpose of heart, being pure in our most secret thoughts and imaginations, suppressing those high and self-exalting thoughts which are so apt to rise up within us, and constantly bearing in mind how much we sin in all we do, and how entirely we owe every thing which we either have or hope for, to Thy mercy in Christ Jesus.

And being supported by Thy grace, and grounded in the faith of Christ crucified for us, we pray that we may be enabled to practise every good work. May we be just and true in all our dealings, doing unto others as we would that they should do unto us. May we be humble, thankful, and contented, and may we do honor to Thy gospel by the manifestation of every Christian temper.

Give us grace to maintain a constant controversy with all evil: may we ourselves avoid every approach to it; and may we endeavor, according to our opportunities, to persuade all those whom we influence, to keep at the greatest distance from temptation. O Lord, enable us thus to show that we are Christians not only in profession, but in all sincerity. May we be strict and self-denying, yet kind and liberal to others. Teach us to understand Thine abounding grace in the gospel, that we may ourselves abound in every work of charity. Enable us to find favor in the sight of those around us, that so we may improve our influence for their benefit in this life, and for the furtherance of their everlasting salvation.

We ask every blessing in the name of Jesus Christ.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

SEVENTEENTH MORNING.

O LORD God, in whose favor is life, and in whose displeasure is misery insupportable; who hast placed us here for a little season, and wilt ere long call us all to judgment; strengthen our faith in Thy word, that we may indeed live as those who know themselves to be frail and dying creatures on the brink of eternity.

We bless Thee for having brought life and immortality to light by the gospel. We thank Thee that Thy Son hath died and risen again, hath broken the bonds of death, and hath opened unto us the gates of everlasting life. We thank Thee for the glorious hopes held out to each believer in His name: and at the same time we would rejoice with trembling; remembering that condemnation which belongs to all who receive this grace of God in vain.

O Lord, grant unto us faith in that eternal world to which we are hastening. May we realize these unseen things: may we turn from the love of this vain world: may we perceive the sin which dwelleth in us, and the evil which lieth around us, and be looking forward to that blessed time when we shall put away the body of this death, and dwell for ever with the Lord. Give us grace to follow the faith and patience of Thy saints, who turned from sin to follow God, and who endured even to the end; whose hearts were estranged from things below, and whose affections were set on things above; who went through trials, and persecutions, and a great fight of afflictions, counting that He whom they served was worthy of all obedience, and was able at length to save and deliver them. O may we, who have the example of their faith, be willing to deny ourselves, and take up our cross, and follow Christ; not living an idle, careless life, while we call ourselves the followers of them who now inherit the promises. May we daily mortify the body of sin, and daily renew the conflict with our spiritual enemies. May we be looking continually to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of God.

If there be any of us who are too much occupied with this present world, O raise our thoughts to those things which are above, that we may be fellow-citizens with Thy saints and with the household of God. May we all give diligence to make our calling and election sure; may we all die daily to the things of time, and rise to newness of life; may we all so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal.

We ask every blessing in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

EIGHTEENTH MORNING.

O LORD Almighty, who art merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and of great goodness, we approach Thee as the God of mercy, imploring Thee to hear our prayers, and to pardon the multitude of our sins, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Day after day we add to the number of our transgressions; every night we have the sins of the preceding day to repent of; and every morning we have reason to fear lest we should again yield to temptation. We pray, therefore, for Thy preserving grace. O Lord, put Thy Spirit into all our hearts, that we, being made pure and holy in our secret thoughts, may not fail to perform all that is good and acceptable in Thy sight.

Dispose each of us on this day habitually to employ our several faculties in Thy service. While we pursue the various duties of our calling, may we have a single eye to Thy glory, and may we undertake no employment on which we cannot hope for Thy blessing. And give us such a portion of Thy grace, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that we may desire to do not only that which is in some degree beneficial, but that which is most excellent and most extensively useful. May no spirit of self-indulgence, no love of ease, no dread of opposition, no fear of shame, prevent our laying out our lives heartily in Thy service. Make us willing in all respects to deny ourselves, that we may live unto Thee. Teach us to enter into the spirit of those Christians and Apostles of old, who counted not their lives dear unto themselves, so that they might finish their course with joy; and who rejoiced that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for the name of Christ; who living in unity and godly love, were seen striving together for the faith of the gospel, in nothing terrified by their adversaries.

Establish us in Thy faith, and fear, and love; and enlighten us that we may understand Thy whole will concerning us. Where we mistake, have pity on our errors; and if we have wandered from the right way, do Thou in mercy bring us back. Lead us, O Lord, into the paths of righteousness and peace. And if we have in any measure attained to the knowledge of Thy truth, may we bring our faith into active exercise. May we watch our hearts, and bridle our tongues, and govern our tempers. May we be steadfast and immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that our labor shall not be in vain in the Lord.

Help us to live according to these our prayers; and thus may we be prepared for Thy heavenly kingdom: we ask it for our Saviour's sake.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

NINETEENTH MORNING.

MOST merciful and gracious God, we kneel down to thank Thee for Thy protection and care during the past night; and we now lift up our voice unto Thee in the morning, imploring Thee this day to bless us.

We are prone, O Lord, to fall into sin. How many incidents every day arise, which, if Thy grace be withheld from us, draw forth our natural corruptions! We therefore pray Thee, who knowest our frame, and foreseest the trials which are to come upon us, mercifully to prepare us for them, and enable us, amidst the various difficulties, temptations, and sorrows of life, to walk as the patient followers of Christ, and as the faithful servants of the Most High God.

We bless Thee, O God, for all Thy goodness to us in times past, for every trial which Thou hast lightened, for every difficulty and snare which Thou hast taken out of our way, and for every affliction which Thou hast either sanctified or removed.

We thank Thee that we are here met together in so much peace and comfort, to offer up our praises to Thee. We thank Thee that we are yet in the land of the living; having time given us for repentance, and having every opportunity of knowing Thy holy will. We thank Thee for all Thine unnumbered mercies, for our health and strength, and all our worldly goods, for our friends and kind benefactors; and we pray that we may, each of us in our stations, be faithful witnesses in the world of the truth and excellency of Thy gospel.

O Lord, grant that this day we may walk in a manner worthy of our great obligations to Thee, and of our high and heavenly calling. May we remember both Thy spiritual and temporal mercies, and be occupied in acts of grateful obedience to Thee. And we pray Thee to impress upon us more deeply those truths of Thy gospel by which our hearts become prepared for every good and beneficent work. May we think of that Saviour who died on the cross for us, who endured all the extremities of misery that we might be saved, and is now at Thy right hand making intercession for us. May we remember our Christian profession, living as believers in this crucified Lord, deeply affected with the remembrance of His death, and animated by His glorious resurrection. As He who hath called us is holy, may we also be holy in all manner of conversation. May we faithfully follow Him whose name we bear; may we have hope in His mercy, and may we at length enter into His glory.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

TWENTIETH MORNING.

O LORD God Almighty, whose creatures we are, to whom our prayers are constantly addressed, and whom we daily profess to serve, bestow upon us Thy grace, that we may yield up to Thee our hearts, and place our delight in acts of obedience to Thee. We beseech Thee so to strengthen our faith, and to animate our hearts with Thy continual love, that we may be enabled to triumph over those temptations to which we are exposed. Give us Thy Holy Spirit; turn us from the love of sin, if we are in any measure inclining to it; and put into us such an ardent desire to please Thee, that we may be always employing our time and talents in Thy service. We desire to acknowledge Thy right over us; we are bound to honor Thee by all we do, and to seek our Maker's glory.

We thank Thee, O Lord, that besides our obligations as creatures to the great Author of our existence, Thou hast added the most affecting motives to win us to obedience. We are not our own: we are bought with a price. Thy Son hath died to save us. He hath suffered on the cross that we might be free. He hath given His life a ransom for us, that He might constrain us by the greatness of His love to give up our powers to Him. Grant, therefore, O Lord, that we, being daily mindful of what our Saviour hath done for us, may show that we are sensible of our obligations by the habitual readiness of our minds to do and suffer all things which Thou shalt appoint for us, or in any wise require of us.

Enable us, O Lord, this day to deny ourselves, that we may live unto Thee. As the redeemed of the Lord may we abstain from sin and flee from every snare. May we be holy in all manner of conversation, deeply impressed with a sense of Thy holiness, knowing that we are called to become pure in heart if we hope to see God. And help us to contend with the iniquity of the world around us. Let us not yield to its influence and example, but let us consider ourselves as passing on to a better country; accounting it our great concern to escape from the snares which now surround us, to make sure, each of us, of our own salvation, and to be doing good, before we die, with the talents committed to us. Thus may we pass the day which is now before us; and, when the hour of our death shall come, may we then have abundant proof that we have walked by faith and not by sight, and that we shall be numbered with Thy chosen people in glory everlasting.

We present these our imperfect supplications in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

TWENTY-FIRST MORNING.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we acknowledge ourselves bound by innumerable obligations to praise and adore, to love and serve Thee. From Thee we have received our being. Thou art our constant Preserver and bountiful Benefactor; the source of every present enjoyment, and of all our hopes. Thou hast, in Thine infinite condescension, been pleased to look down with pity on our fallen race, and freely to offer salvation to us through Jesus Christ. We adore Thee for the promises of Thy mercy and grace, and for the joyful prospect of eternal life so clearly revealed in Thy holy word. Impress our minds, O Lord, with that sense of the truths made known to us which shall regulate all our thoughts, and words, and actions. Produce in us deep repentance, and a lively faith in that Saviour who hath died for our sins, and risen again for our justification.

And may Thy pardoning mercy be accompanied with the sanctifying influence of Thy Spirit: that we may no more sin against Thee, but may live from henceforth as becomes the redeemed of the Lord and the candidates for a happy immortality. Put Thy fear into our hearts, that we may never more depart from Thee. Fix our affections on those things which are eternal. Convince us more effectually of the vanity of this world, and its insufficiency to make us happy; of the evil of sin, and its tendency to make us miserable; of the value of our souls, and the solemnity of that everlasting state on the borders of which we stand.

We also desire to thank Thee for Thy watchful care over us during the past night. We have lain down to sleep, and, blessed be Thy name, we have arisen in safety. May the lives which Thou hast prolonged be devoted to Thy service. May we as a family dwell together in peace. May we subdue every angry passion; and, loving Thee with a supreme affection, may we love each other with pure hearts fervently. Preserve us from those temptations to which we are daily exposed. Make us sensible of our weakness, so that our hearts may be often raised to Thee in humble and fervent supplications for Thy grace. When we are in company, may it be our care to do and to receive good. When we are alone, may we remember that our heavenly Father is with us.

In tender mercy regard all who are in affliction. Grant unto our dear friends and relations, every blessing which is needful for them. May they and we experience Thy favor in this life, and in the world to come life everlasting.

We offer up these our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

TWENTY-SECOND MORNING.

O LORD God, heavenly Father, we beseech Thee to look down on us Thy servants, who desire now, with true humility of soul, to offer up unto Thee our prayers and supplications. We thank Thee for Thy merciful protection during the past night, and we adore that goodness which hath hitherto supplied our wants and lightened our troubles; which hath preserved our lives in the midst of dangers; and hath caused us to lie down and rise up in peace and safety.

We pray Thee to preserve us this day from evil. Save us from all things which afflict the body, and especially from whatsoever can hurt the soul. May we go forth in Thy strength to contend against the world, the flesh, and the devil, and to fulfil the various duties of our Christian calling. Save us from the sins which most easily beset us. Preserve us from idleness and negligence, as well as from presumptuous transgressions; and deliver us from that insensibility of conscience which might lead us to justify ourselves, though living a careless and unprofitable life. Grant unto us such knowledge of Thee, that we may love Thee above all things, and earnestly desire to obey every precept of Thy holy word. Teach us to redeem the time, to be watchful and circumspect, and to abstain from all appearance of evil. Teach us to be fervent in spirit, serving the Lord, and to be never weary in well-doing: and may we take continual care, lest through some liberty in which we indulge ourselves, we should draw others into sin, or should cause the gospel, which we profess, to be evil spoken of.

O Lord, help us also seriously to consider the shortness of life and the nearness of death and of eternity; that whatsoever our hands find to do, we may do it with all our might. Let us have our loins girded and our lamps burning, and be as servants waiting for their Lord. Let us not say in our hearts that our Lord delayeth His coming, but let us remember that the day of our death may overtake us suddenly; and that blessed is that servant whom his Lord when He cometh shall find watching.

And grant, O most merciful God, that when at length we shall be called before Thine awful throne to give account to Him who is the Judge of quick and dead, we may hear that joyful sentence proclaimed in our ears: "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world;" may our portion then be with the children of God, and our inheritance among the saints!

We ask all in the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

TWENTY-THIRD MORNING.

BLESSED God, who hast caused the Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant unto us, we beseech Thee, such faith in the truth of Thy holy word, that we may be made partakers of Thine everlasting promises, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Dispose our minds to receive with meekness every doctrine which Thou hast revealed. Thou hast declared to us that the day is coming when all who are in their graves shall come forth; they that have done good to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil to the resurrection of condemnation. Help us to preserve in our minds the remembrance of this approaching Judgment; that we may not sin against Thee, but may abound in all those fruits of holiness which Thou wilt acknowledge and approve in the Great Day of Jesus Christ. May we keep continually in our minds those things which we have learnt: and putting on the whole armor of God, may we be enabled to stand fast in every evil day, and to overcome the world, the flesh, and the devil.

Defend us, O Lord, we most humbly beseech Thee, from all evil. Save us from the sins which most easily beset us. Let us command our tempers, and restrain our tongues. Let us add to our faith, virtue; and to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to patience, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, charity. Let us be rich in good works, to the praise and glory of Thy name. And while we are thus receiving Thy truths into an honest heart, and are endeavoring, by Thy grace assisting us, to walk according to the precepts of Thy written word, may Thy providence direct our steps in life, and watch over us for good. Defend us, we beseech Thee, to the end of our lives; and let Thy good Spirit abide within us, that we may not faint in our Christian course, nor become weary of well-doing.

We pray for Thy blessing on all our friends and relations. May they walk by the light of the same blessed gospel. May both they and we possess in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

Have mercy on all for whom we are bound to pray, succor the tempted, comfort the dejected, sustain those who are bowed down with age or with infirmity, and are drawing near to death.

We offer up these and all supplications in the name of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

TWENTY-FOURTH MORNING.

O MOST holy and blessed God, before whom the very angels veil their faces, fill us with awe and reverence as we draw near to Thee. We are unworthy to enter into Thy presence; but Thou invitest us to come. We therefore thankfully approach Thee in the name of Thy dear Son, and beseech Thee to hear us and accept us for His sake.

Father, we have sinned against heaven and before Thee, and are no more worthy to be called Thy children. When we look back on the past, we feel that our transgressions are more in number than the hairs of our head. We have sinned against light and knowledge. We have sinned against the workings of Thy Spirit in our hearts. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. For all this give us a true and godly sorrow. Make us to feel our sins deeply. May the remembrance of them be grievous to us. O God, we come to Thee for pardon. In Thy great mercy forgive us for Christ's sake. Wash us in His blood. Blot out our transgressions as a thick cloud, and as a cloud our sins.

And not only pardon us, O Lord, for what is past, but cleanse and renew our hearts, and enable us to walk more closely with Thee day by day. Give us Thy Holy Spirit to dwell within us. Purify our souls, and enable us to put away every thing that defiles us. Direct and control our wayward wills. Warm our cold hearts, and fill us with Thy love. Give us more life, and zeal, and earnestness in running our Christian race. Our souls cleave unto the dust; do Thou quicken us by Thy grace. Make us less anxious about the perishing things of this world, and more eager in our pursuit of those things which are eternal. May we live this day as if it were our last, as those who desire to spend an eternity with Thee.

Lord, be Thou our protector and shield every moment. Defend us against all accidents. Bless our friends. Give them outward prosperity, as far as Thou seest it good for them; but especially prosper them in their souls. O number them amongst Thy own beloved children; and may none of them be wanting in that day when Thou makest up Thy jewels. Be with the sick and dying around us. Grant them patience and submission under every trial, and that inward peace which Thou alone canst bestow. Relieve the distressed. Be the Father of the fatherless, and the God of the widow. Be with us in our going out and coming in. And lead us through this world to the land of everlasting rest, for the sake of Him who hath loved us and given Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

TWENTY-FIFTH MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who hast graciously opened for us sinners a way by which we may approach Thee with acceptance, even through the mediation of Christ our Saviour: receive, for His sake, we humbly beseech Thee, our morning sacrifice of prayer and praise.

O Thou holy Lamb of God, wash out our sins. Grant that we may realize and feel deeply Thy love in dying for us; not only for the whole world, but for each and all of us who are kneeling this morning before Thee. We are vile, wretched, helpless, lost in ourselves; but Thou art able, and willing, and ready to pardon and restore us. Most gracious Saviour, say to each of us when we cry to Thee to cleanse us, "I will; be thou clean;" say unto us, "Thy sins are forgiven thee; go in peace."

O Thou holy, life-giving Spirit, come Thou into all our hearts. Warm, and purify, and comfort us; and never leave or forsake us until we meet around the throne of God and the Lamb in heaven, and are forever beyond the reach of Satan, sin, and death.

Since Thou hast united us in one family, unite us together in the bonds of brotherly love. May no root of bitterness, springing up among us, trouble us. May we all be filled with an earnest desire to serve, and love, and honor Thee. And loving Thee above all others, may we love one another with a pure heart fervently.

We pray Thee to grant an especial blessing this day to all Thy ministers. By Thy Holy Spirit guide them into all truth. Fill their understandings with light and heavenly wisdom. Fill their hearts with zeal and love. O Thou Chief Shepherd of the flock, qualify all Thy under-shepherds for their high and holy work, and teach them how to feed Thy people in the green pastures of Thy word. Give them many souls for their hire, and many seals to their ministry.

We beseech Thee, O God, to look favorably upon our country. Make us to be a happy people, fearing and loving Thee. Give unto Thy dear Son the heathen for His inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession. Gather in Thine ancient people Israel. Bring them to acknowledge Jesus of Nazareth as their Messiah and their King. Grant that the veil may at length be taken away, and the true light shine into every heart.

Hear these our supplications, most merciful Father, and graciously answer us, for the sake of our only Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

TWENTY-SIXTH MORNING.

O THOU gracious God, who hearest and answerest prayer, make us to feel it our delight to draw near to Thee.

Lord, we have much to ask, and Thou hast much to give. We pray to Thee for such worldly blessings as Thou in Thy wisdom seest to be good for us. Give us health, and comfort, and prosperity, if it be Thy good pleasure to bestow them. But most of all we ask Thee to grant us spiritual blessings. Vouchsafe unto us those richer gifts which concern our souls. Thou hast so loved a guilty world as to send Thy own Son to be our Redeemer. Make us to prize His great salvation. Show us our need of Him, and lead us to His cross as our only hope. Make us to know Christ, and to love Him with all our hearts. And enable us day by day to serve Him, not grudgingly or of necessity, but heartily and cheerfully.

Thou knowest, Lord, that we are weak; do Thou strengthen us by Thy grace. We are ignorant; may Thy Spirit teach us. We are poor and needy; fill us out of Thy fulness.

We desire, O heavenly Father, to put ourselves under Thy care and keeping this day. Do with us as it seemeth good in Thy sight. If Thou givest us what we desire, make us thankful. Or if not, may we bow with humble submission, and say, Father, not my will, but Thine be done. O Lord, soften our hearts, and draw us closer to Thyself.

We heartily thank Thee for all Thy past dealings with us. Surely goodness and mercy have followed us all the days of our lives. Fill our hearts with gratitude and our tongues with praise. Bless the Lord, O our souls, and all that is within us, bless His holy name.

We thank Thee especially for the mercies of the past night. Whilst many have had no roof to shelter them, we thank Thee that we have laid ourselves down in comfort and safety. Whilst many have passed a night of pain and suffering, we have been refreshed with sleep. And whilst many are now starving with hunger, we have bread enough and to spare.

O that we may be truly thankful for Thy mercies! May we show our thankfulness by living to Thee, and serving Thee with all our hearts.

Lord, bless us as a Christian family. Make us to love Thee, and to walk in Thy ways. May we ever be doing acts of kindness towards one another. Make us unselfish, forbearing, and forgiving. And may we be Thine, not only in name, but in heart and life.

Hear us and accept us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

TWENTY-SEVENTH MORNING.

O GOD, look down in mercy upon us, Thine unworthy servants, who now, in the name of Jesus Christ, approach Thy mercy-seat.

We come to ask Thee for Thy blessing, and to thank Thee for Thy kindness. Day unto day uttereth speech; and the speech of every day is that Thou art good, and kind, and gracious. Lord, fill our hearts with gratitude, and accept our imperfect prayers and thanksgivings.

Lord, we thank Thee that Thou hast opened a fountain for sin and for uncleanness. Thou hast provided a Saviour for us. We flee to Him; and under the shelter of His cross we desire to hide ourselves. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, take away our sins. By Thine agony and bloody sweat, by Thy cross and passion, do Thou deliver us. We wish to be Thine. We wish to find our happiness in Thee. Be Thou our truest joy, the glory of our brightest day, the comfort of our gloomiest night.

Make sin hateful to us, and create in us a desire after holiness. Take away, O God, the heart of stone, and give us softened hearts to believe in Thee, and to love Thee. Make each one of us to feel that we must give an account of our stewardship, and that for all our talents, our time, and our opportunities, we must answer before Thee. Keep us this day from sin. Control our passions. Subdue our self-will. Root out every thing within us that is displeasing to Thee. O Lord, we would walk in that blessed path where Thou hast led the way. Give us grace to follow Thee; and let not any enticement of the world tempt us to turn to the right hand or to the left.

Arm us against our great spiritual enemy. Strengthen us in the hour of temptation. May we never be ashamed of Christ or of His gospel. May we never be turned aside by the fear of man. Lord, we wish to be Thy soldiers and servants. Grant that we may be found faithful. And do Thou at length enable us to gain the victory and win the heavenly crown.

For our friends we ask the same blessings that we desire for ourselves. Prosper them in all their ways. Lift up the light of Thy countenance upon them. Grant them that inward peace which the world cannot give. Lead them to Christ now, and to heaven hereafter. Bless also our enemies, if we have any; and soften their hearts towards us.

Be with every member of this family, masters and servants, young and old, those who are present and those who are absent. May all who belong to us belong to Thee, and meet hereafter in that world where sorrow and separation shall be no more.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

TWENTY-EIGHTH MORNING.

ALMIGHTY God, in whom alone we live, and move, and have our being, graciously accept the prayers with which we would begin another day.

We thank Thee for Thy watchful care over us, and for all Thy bounty towards us. Grant, O Lord, that we may show our thankfulness to Thee, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by daily endeavoring to do such things as are pleasing to Thee.

We bless Thee that in Thy holy word Thou hast made known to us Thy will. Enable us to love that word. Open Thou our eyes that we may behold wondrous things out of Thy law. Forgive our past neglect and unprofitable use of it. Forgive our want of reverence and faith in reading it. Make us henceforth to love and prize it more. O gracious God, by whose inspiration the Scriptures were written, speak through them to our inmost souls. Let them be spirit and life to us. Let them bring to us special messages from heaven. And give us a teachable mind, that we may receive with humility what God the Lord shall speak unto us.

Lord, preserve us this day in body and soul. Be pleased to grant us such a measure of health and strength that we may be enabled rightly to fulfil the duties of our several stations. And do Thou keep our hearts steadfast in Thy fear all the day long. Never suffer us to forget that Thou, God, seest us. Hold up our goings in Thy path, that our footsteps slip not. In word and deed may we seek to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things, and to prove ourselves Thy true disciples. May our light so shine before men, that they may see our good works, and glorify Thee our heavenly Father.

Make us also more anxious about the souls of others. Help us this day to be in some measure useful to our fellow-men. May Jesus Christ and His great salvation be so precious to our own souls that we may be filled with earnest desires to make His love known to all around us.

Bless the ministers of Thy Church. And, O Thou Lord of the harvest, send forth many faithful laborers into Thy harvest. Prosper especially the efforts of all Thy missionary servants. Gather from out of heathen lands many who are as sheep without a shepherd. Have mercy upon Thine ancient people Israel. Grant that the veil may be taken from their hearts, so that they may acknowledge Jesus of Nazareth as their Redeemer and their King.

Hear us, we beseech Thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

TWENTY-NINTH MORNING.

MOST gracious and merciful Father, be pleased to accept, for Jesus Christ's sake, our morning sacrifice of prayer and praise. From Thee cometh down every good and perfect gift. We thank Thee for all the blessings which we have already received from Thy hands, and we desire to look up to Thee for Thy protection for the time to come.

Do Thou implant in all our hearts Thy holy fear. Assist us by Thy grace to do this day such things as are pleasing to Thee. Strengthen us to resist and overcome any temptations to which during the day we may be exposed. Keep us from giving place to the devil, by cherishing in our hearts any evil thoughts or unchristian tempers.

Preserve us from a worldly mind, O Lord; and by the mighty power of Thy Holy Spirit draw our desires and affections heavenwards. Suffer us not to sink down into a cold and careless indifference about those things which belong to our eternal interests. Keep us mindful of all that Christ our Saviour did and suffered for our redemption. Help us to make the salvation of our souls our great and chief concern, and to seek first Thy kingdom and righteousness.

Strengthen, O Lord, our faith in the promises of Thy Word. Enable us to stay our minds upon Thee. Thou knowest our exceeding weakness, and the numberless dangers which every day surround us. Supply all our need. Beat down every spiritual enemy under our feet. Let Thy Word be our guide, and Thy Holy Spirit our Sanctifier and Comforter.

If it should please Thee to visit us with affliction, make it to work for our real and eternal good; and give us a patient and submissive spirit under Thy fatherly chastisement. The state, and circumstances, and character of each of us are known to Thee. O God, suit Thy mercy to our need. Comfort the sorrowful; enlighten the ignorant; confirm the wavering; awaken the careless. Be Thou our defender through all the trials of life, our hope in death, and our portion throughout eternity.

Be pleased, O Lord, to bless all those who are near and dear to us. Lead all whom we love into the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Bless this neighborhood; and grant that true godliness may increase and abound among us. Help us to shine as lights in the world, and to commend the religion which we profess by the meekness and gentleness of our conduct, and by the holiness of our lives. Make us happy in our own souls, and useful to all around us. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

THIRTIETH MORNING.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, who of Thy tender love towards us didst send Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to be our Advocate, hear us for His sake, and grant us the mercies which we need for another day.

Thou hast promised that all things which we shall ask in the Saviour's name, believing, we shall receive. O that we may more entirely trust Thy promises. And since without faith it is impossible to please Thee, work in us a firm persuasion that Thou hearest prayer, and art the rewarder of them that diligently seek Thee.

Mercifully bestow upon us, O heavenly Father, that Holy Spirit which Thou hast promised to give to them that ask Thee. Remove the scales from our eyes. Take away our ignorance, and hardness of heart, and our too great love of this present world. Enlighten our understandings: give unto us the knowledge of Christ. May we know Him as our all-sufficient Saviour. May we enter more and more into the riches of His redeeming love.

Lord, we confess with sorrow that we have been but as barren fig-trees in Thy vineyard. Thou hast indeed done much for us, and we have great cause for shame that we have made such poor returns for all the care and culture which Thou hast bestowed upon us. Thou hast looked for fruit, and hast too often found none. O spare us yet a little longer: water us with the dew of Thy blessing, and make us fruitful in every good work.

We have been spared to begin another day. We thank Thee for all Thy goodness and Thy care. Thou spreadest our table with plenty; Thou givest us life, and breath, and all things. O Lord, our souls and all that is within us would bless and praise Thy holy name.

And now we pray Thee to strengthen us for the work which lies before us. Enable us this day to keep eternity in view. Help us to live as those who feel that they must render up their account to Thee. And do Thou teach us to set our affections on things above.

O most merciful Saviour, our compassionate High Priest, pity all our infirmities; heal our souls' sicknesses; give us the joy of Thy salvation, and a hope full of immortality. Strengthen us to live and labor for Thee, to fight under Thy banner, and to tread in Thy footsteps here below. Give us grace always to act as Thy true servants, and to do everything to Thy glory. May each one of us be able to say, from our very hearts, "To me to live is Christ." And at length take us to rest with Thee above, for Thine own name and mercy's sake. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

THIRTY-FIRST MORNING.

O GOD, who hast spared our lives, and brought us to the beginning of another day, we lift up our hearts to Thee. We thank Thee for rest during the past night, for life preserved, and strength renewed, and for the many tokens of Thy loving-kindness which surround us.

And now, O Lord, prepare us for the duties and trials which lie before us. Whatever we have to do, may we do it willingly and heartily, as unto Thee, and not as unto men. Show us our besetting sins, and grant that we may watch and fight against them. Give us grace to take up, each one of us, our peculiar cross whatever it may be, to exercise constant self-denial, and in all things to follow our Master, Christ.

If we should be tempted this day to impatience and anger, enable us to remember Him who, when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered, threatened not. Give us more of the mind which was in Christ Jesus. Make us more like Him in lowliness and meekness. Make us kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, ready to bear each other's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Let not the world with its cares and vanities fill our hearts this day, and so make us forget the worth of our souls, the love of our Saviour, and the nearness of eternity. Whilst we are busy in the world, may our hearts rise above it.

May Thy Holy Spirit continually quicken and guide, cleanse and sanctify us. May He work in us to will and to do of His good pleasure. May He implant within us pure desires and heavenly affections. Out of the abundance of hearts renewed by that blessed Spirit, may our tongues speak Thy praise.

Make us, O God, a blessing to one another; help us to strengthen one another's faith, and to assist one another in the way to heaven. Be with our absent relatives and friends, and bring them to the saving knowledge of Christ.

Lord, watch over us and all that are dear to us, this day. Defend our souls from the assaults of the wicked one, and preserve our bodies in health and safety. O let nothing draw our hearts from Thee. May all Thy wise and merciful dealings bind us more closely to Thee, and fit us better for Thy service. May we walk in the light of Thy countenance, and know the happiness of those who have the Lord for their God. Hear us, heavenly Father, and when Thou hearest forgive, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

FIRST SUNDAY MORNING.

O THOU Lord of the Sabbath, graciously hear the prayers which we offer unto Thee on the morning of Thine own day. Thou hast blest this day and hallowed it, and hast commanded us to keep it holy. We thank Thee for so mercifully providing for our bodily and spiritual necessities.

And now, O Lord our God, grant that this may be a day of holy rest, of profitable instruction, and of spiritual refreshment. Prepare our hearts to approach Thee in the blessed exercise of prayer and praise.

Lord, our souls cleave unto the dust; we are encompassed and bowed down with all manner of earthly cares and anxieties; we need quickening, sanctifying grace. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy name. Raise our hopes and affections heavenwards. Strengthen us to throw aside the cares that harass us, and the sins that beset us. Pour into our hearts fervent love towards Thee.

As Thou, O Lord, hast provided the ordinances of Thy sanctuary for the good of our souls, grant that they may be a rich blessing to us this day. Prepare our hearts as good ground to receive the precious seed of Thy holy word. May we have grace to worship Thee acceptably, with reverence and godly fear. Enable us to offer up our prayers with earnestness, to sing Thy praise with thankfulness, and to listen to Thy word devoutly and attentively.

O blessed Saviour, fulfil to us, we beseech Thee, Thine own promise, that where two or three are gathered together in Thy name, there Thou wilt be in the midst of them. Be in the midst of us this day. Open our minds to understand the Scriptures. Make our hearts to rejoice whilst we wait upon Thee, and whilst we hear the welcome message of Thy love.

Almighty God, assist and prosper the labor of Thy ministers. May they declare all Thy counsel. Touch their lips with a live coal from off Thine altar. Cause them deeply to feel the truths which they proclaim, and fervently to love that Saviour whom they preach.

Bless the young who shall be gathered this day for instruction in our Sunday-schools. Let the seed of Thy truth take root in their hearts, and grant that every teacher may himself be taught of Thee. Through Thy word, O Lord, grant that many a child may be kept from the paths of the destroyer.

Be with us, O our God, throughout the day. Graciously help us so to keep Thy Sabbath on earth, that at the close of it we may be more anxious and better prepared for an eternal Sabbath above. Hear us, we humbly pray Thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

SECOND SUNDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast set apart one day in seven for the special good of our souls, enable us to keep this day holy. Thou hast bidden us to rest from our worldly labors and employments; do Thou also shut the world out of our hearts, and take full possession of them Thyself.

We confess, O Lord, that we have not rightly improved our past Sabbaths. Pardon us for our abuse of these holy seasons. Make this day, we beseech Thee, more profitable to us than any that we have yet spent. Give us Sabbath feelings, and a Sabbath blessing.

O Lord, enable us to bear in mind that this is Thy own day. Prepare us especially for Thy house. Make us to feel that a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand spent elsewhere; and that Thy house is indeed the house of God and the gate of heaven. Give us, when there, the enjoyment of Thy presence. Keep us from wandering and worldly thoughts, and grant that we may approach Thee in a devout and holy frame. Enable us to draw near to Thee this day as Thy accepted children. Let there be no cloud of guilt to hide Thee from us, and to hinder our communion with Thee.

Lord, we cannot pray to Thee aright without the help of Thy Holy Spirit. May He rest upon us abundantly, teaching us both what to ask, and how to ask it. And when Thy gospel is preached, give us the hearing ear and the understanding heart; and enable us to receive with meekness the engrafted word which is able to save our souls.

Bless, gracious God, the Church to which we belong: make it the instrument in Thy hands of leading many to heaven. Be with the pastors of Thy flock. Do Thou Thyself teach them, that they may teach others. Especially be with the minister of this parish, who is set over us in the Lord. Strengthen him for his work. Enable him rightly to divide the word of truth, giving to each of us our portion as we need it. And wherever Thy gospel is preached to-day, whether at home or abroad, grant that its influence may be felt, and that thousands may be turned from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God. Call many wanderers, Lord, into Thy fold this day; soften many hard hearts; and speak peace to Thy people.

Grant, Lord, that a blessing may rest upon our Sunday-schools, and all who are called to teach in them. Be with each one of our fellow-worshipers, and help us all this day on our way to heaven, for Christ's sake.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

THIRD SUNDAY MORNING.

O MOST gracious God, our heavenly Father, who by Thy kind providence hast brought us to see the light of another Sabbath, give us grace to remember Thy day to keep it holy. Thou who art more ready to hear than we to pray, pour upon us this morning a spirit of true devotion. Enable us to unburden our hearts before Thee. Suffer us not this day to draw near unto Thee with our lips only, whilst our hearts are far from Thee. Keep us from offering Thee a cold and unmeaning service; but make us so deeply to feel our weakness, our ignorance, our sinfulness, and all our need, that we may come with earnest hearts to Thy throne of grace.

When we go up to the courts of Thy house, deliver us from a trifling and worldly spirit, from wandering thoughts, from vain desires and imaginations, from a cold and unbelieving heart. Enable us to join humbly and fervently in the services of Thy sanctuary. Blessed Saviour, fulfil to us Thine own most gracious promise, that where two or three are gathered together in Thy name, there Thou wilt be in the midst of them. May we know and feel by happy experience that Thou art in the midst of Thy worshiping people this day. May our hearts burn within us whilst we draw near to Thee in prayer, hearken to Thy word, and sing Thy praises. May we gain strength, and grace, and peace, and comfort, whilst we wait upon Thee.

Be with all Thy ministering servants, O Lord, this day. Do Thou teach them, that they may be able to teach others. Fill them with light and love, with holy wisdom and heavenly zeal. Make them able ministers of the New Testament, faithful ambassadors for Thee. Let their words come forth with power, and with the Holy Ghost, and with much assurance.

And open, O God, our hearts to receive the truths which shall be delivered this day in Thy name. May we listen with a teachable spirit, and with a sincere desire to profit by what we hear. May the word preached be a word in season to every one of us.

Grant, O heavenly Father, that this day may prove to be a day rich in blessing to many souls. May it be for the awakening of sinners, and for the comfort, instruction, and refreshment of Thine own people. Oh that Satan's kingdom may this day be weakened, and Thine own kingdom and glory increased. Gather into Thy Church this day, O Lord, from young and old, from Jews and Gentiles, many who shall be eternally saved. And unto us who now kneel before Thee, grant Thy quickening, sanctifying, enlightening grace, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

FOURTH SUNDAY MORNING.

BLESSED and glorious God, great in counsel and wonderful in operation, plenteous in goodness and abundant in mercy, how excellent is Thy name throughout all the world! Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory.

Though we cannot glorify Thee as we ought, nor praise Thee as Thy holy angels who excel in strength, we desire to exalt Thy name, according to the ability wherewith Thou hast blessed us, and to pour out before Thee this morning the voice of joy and thanksgiving. Glory be unto Thee, O Father Almighty, that the day-spring from on high hath visited us, and the light of another Sabbath hath dawned upon our souls! This is the day which Thou hast made for Thyself; we would rejoice and be glad in it. How many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which we see, and have not seen them. Forgive, O Lord, we beseech Thee, our past abuse of Thy mercies, and teach us in future more diligently to improve them.

Grant, O merciful Father, that we may have grace whereby we may serve Thee acceptably this day. Give unto us that preparation of heart which cometh from Thee, and without which all our services will be nothing worth. Dispose us to love the habitation of Thy house, and the place where Thy honor dwelleth; to go into Thy gates with thanksgiving, and into Thy courts with praise; to give thanks unto Thee, and speak good of Thy name. Sow in our hearts the seed of eternal life, and grant that it may bring forth in us the fruits of righteousness. Grant that we may improve not only the ordinances of Thy house, but every other advantage of this sacred day to the purpose for which Thou hast vouchsafed it. Help us to examine our hearts, to consider our ways, to search Thy holy word, to talk of Thy wondrous works, and to prepare ourselves for Thy kingdom.

We pray Thee also to pour down upon all who are called Christians, the abundance of Thy mercy. Bless especially such as shall assemble with us in the courts of Thy sanctuary. Do Thou graciously rehearse it, when Thou writest up Thy people, that many were born there and trained up for their heavenly inheritance. We beseech Thee, plenteously to endue with heavenly gifts such as shall stand up in Thy name this day. May they preach as those who stand between the living and the dead, and watch for souls, as they that must give account.

We ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

FIFTH SUNDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY and ever-blessed God, who didst send Thy Son Jesus Christ to redeem for ever from death and hell our immortal souls, and who hast given us an assurance of our own resurrection, by raising Him from the dead on the third day, we praise Thee for these Thy Sabbaths, on which we commemorate this victory of our once crucified and now ascended Lord; and are continually instructed by the ministers of His gospel in all things which concern our everlasting salvation. Grant, we beseech Thee, that we may this day hear Thy sacred word with reverence and holy fear, with serious and deep attention, and with all humility and thankfulness. Enable us to join in the prayers of Thy people with devout and contrite hearts; and be Thou pleased so to bless both our public worship and our private meditations, that we may be made partakers of Thine everlasting promises in Christ Jesus, and may advance in all holiness.

O Lord, strengthen our faith on this day by means of those religious exercises in which we shall engage; deliver us from every slavish fear of Thy wrath; fix our hope on our ever-blessed Redeemer; and give us joy and peace in believing.

Let Thy blessing everywhere accompany the preaching of Thy gospel on this day. May the God of grace pour forth the abundance of His Spirit on the ministers and on the hearers. May they who have lived in sin be awakened to a sense of their danger. May the unbelievers be convinced, the thoughtless be alarmed, and the weak be strengthened. May the young be guided in the right way, and the afflicted soul be comforted. May the foundations of Thy universal Church be enlarged, and may believers be built up in faith, and hope, and love.

Bestow Thy special blessing on those who are laboring to extend in foreign lands the knowledge of a crucified Redeemer. Assist them by Thy Providence and grace, that they may contend successfully against idolatry and superstition. Strengthen them by Thy Holy Spirit; and, in the midst of all their difficulties and trials, impart unto them the abundance of Thy consolations. Open the hearts of many to receive Thy gospel in the love of it. Let every wilderness at length blossom as the rose. Let the light spring up to them who have long sat in darkness; and let the days come when the lion shall lie down with the lamb, when wars shall cease, and the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

Hear us, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

FIRST SUNDAY EVENING.

O HEAVENLY Father, we desire to close this holy day by once more drawing near to Thee in prayer. We bring to thee all the sins and failings of another Sabbath, and we beseech Thee of Thy great mercy to pardon them. O Lord, when we look back on our best days and our holiest employments, we see that sin has defiled them; and we have need to come to the Saviour's cross with the publican's cry on our lips, "God be merciful to me, a sinner." Forgive, Lord, for Christ's sake, all our sins, and especially those which we have committed on our knees. What coldness has there been in our prayers! What wanderings of thought! What unbelief in our souls! O Saviour, cleanse us from our secret faults.

But, O Lord, while we have reason to be humbled for all that has been amiss, we have also reason to be gratcful for our mercies. We praise Thee that Thy word has been set before us, that the way of life has been pointed out to us, that we have again heard of a Saviour's love. Blessed be Thy name, if Christ has seemed in any degree more precious to us, and heaven more welcome. Blessed be Thy name, if our faith has been this day strengthened, our hearts warmed, and our hopes confirmed.

O God, we are living in the midst of a sinful world; help us to avoid its snares, and to live a heavenly life here on earth. Oh that we may know more of Thee, and love Thee with a more perfect love. Quicken us in Thy way, and enable us to run with increased earnestness the race that is set before us. Our time is short: grant, Lord, that we may spend it as those who feel that they must one day give an account.

O heavenly Shepherd, we trust that many sheep have been called this day into Thy fold. Draw them by Thy love. Make them to hear Thy voice, and to follow Thee. Pardon those who have been wilfully absent from Thy worship this day. Show them their exceeding sinfulness, and change their hearts by the power of Thy grace.

Blessed Lord, we confess with shame that we have brought too much of the week with us into Thy Sabbath: grant that we may carry much of the Sabbath into the coming week. And give us grace that we may so spend each day, as we shall wish to have spent it when our term of life is ended.

And now, O gracious God, we commend ourselves and all who are dear to us, to Thy protection for the coming night. Watch over us during the hours of darkness; give Thine angels charge concerning us; and guard us from every evil, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

SECOND SUNDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY Father, at the close of this Thine own holy day of rest, we come to offer up once more our united prayers and praises.

We thank Thee for all that we have heard and learnt to-day, for the opportunity which we have had of seeking Thee in Thy house of prayer, and for the message of mercy which Thou hast sent to us by Thy ministers. Write, O Lord, upon our hearts and memories the lessons of truth which this day have been set before us. May Thy Holy Spirit apply the word with power to our consciences, and may we be doers of it and not hearers only.

Forgive, O heavenly Father, in Thy mercy, all that has been imperfect and sinful in our worship. We confess that we have been weak in faith and cold in devotion; that our thoughts have wandered whilst we were engaged in prayer, and whilst we listened to Thy word. Pardon the iniquity of our holy things. Grant, O Lord, that we may prize more highly the means of grace, and do Thou make them more profitable to our souls.

Lord, let Thy love be abundantly shed abroad in our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit. Take away all pride, and ignorance, and unbelief. Make us more humble, more holy, more heavenly-minded. May we grow continually in grace and in the knowledge of our Saviour Christ. May we endeavor more and more to follow our blessed Master's example. May our conduct and conversation be such as becometh the gospel of Christ.

We thank Thee for any comfort we have experienced this day whilst waiting upon Thee. May every earthly Sabbath, as it passes away, leave us holier and better prepared for an eternal Sabbath in heaven.

And if there be any one whom we love amongst us, who is living for this world only, and who is still far from Thee, O Thou good Shepherd, who didst lay down Thy life for the sheep, bring that wanderer into Thy fold. Soften that hard heart, and quicken it by Thy grace. Fill it with deep anxiety for salvation, and then pour in the balm of heavenly comfort.

Water with the dew of Thy blessing, O Lord, the seed sown this day by the ministers of Thy gospel. Lead every penitent to Christ; comfort every mourner; build up Thy people in their most holy faith.

And now, O heavenly Father, grant that peaceful sleep may close this holy day; and whilst we lay our bodies down to rest beneath Thy care, let our souls enjoy that quiet confidence and happy trust which is the portion of Thy children. We ask all in Jesus' name. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

THIRD SUNDAY EVENING.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, we draw near to Thee in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour; accept us in mercy for His sake.

We thank Thee for the blessed rest of Thine own day. We thank Thee for the sound of the gospel which we have heard; for the comfort and instruction provided for us in Thy house of prayer. We acknowledge that we are indeed greatly favored above thousands of our fellow-creatures, and we most humbly thank Thee that whilst many have spent this Sabbath in sorrow, suffering, and sin, we have been permitted to enjoy many rich spiritual privileges. O that we may prize them more highly, and profit more in the use of them. We pray Thee in Thy mercy to pardon our slowness to learn, and our readiness to forget, the lessons of Thy word. Pardon the weakness of our faith, and the coldness of our desires.

Graft upon our hearts and memories the truths which we have this day heard. Let us not be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of the Lord. May we be strengthened and built up in our most holy faith. May we grow in grace, and may the fruits of the Spirit appear and abound in our daily walk and conversation.

O Lord, under a deep and humbling sense of our weakness and sinfulness we implore Thee to give us the gracious influences of Thy holy Spirit. Though we have too often grieved that blessed Spirit, yet withdraw not from us His renewing and saving grace. May He restore and revive our souls. May He establish, strengthen, settle us. May He guide us into all truth. May He shed abroad within us the love of Christ our Saviour.

Water with the dew of Thy heavenly blessing the seed widely scattered by Thy ministers this day. Let not the Evil One prevail to pluck it from those hearts upon which it has fallen. Cause it to take deep and abiding root. Confirm the wavering, comfort the sorrowful, bind up the broken-hearted; give unto them the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

And now, O Lord, may we lie down once more upon our beds with hearts at peace with Thee. We have one Sabbath less to spend on earth. May the thought of our shortening pilgrimage cause us to run with more diligence our heavenly race. May we live as those whose hearts and hopes are in heaven. May Thy statutes be our songs in the house of our pilgrimage. May Sabbaths on earth, improved and enjoyed, fit us for a better and happier rest above. Hear us, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

FOURTH SUNDAY EVENING.

O LORD, Thou art God alone, and beside Thee there is none other. Thou art our God, and we will praise Thee; Thou art our God, and we will exalt Thee. We thank Thee that Thou hast permitted us this day to attend the ordinances of Thy house, and to worship Thee in the congregation of Thy people, with the voice of joy and praise. We praise Thee for every opportunity which hath been afforded us of becoming wise unto salvation. We bless Thee for casting our lot in a land where the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth. We heartily thank Thee, O heavenly Father, for giving us Thy blessed word to direct us in the way of life. Let it not be unto us a sealed book and a dead letter, but open our understandings to understand the Scriptures, that we may believe and obey them to the saving of the soul.

But, O gracious Father, we acknowledge our own unworthiness of these great mercies and our manifold abuse of them. We humble ourselves before Thee; beseeching Thee of Thy great goodness to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances. Pardon the iniquity of our most holy things, and wash us in the precious blood of our Lord and Saviour And grant that, however we have fallen short of our duty this day, we may not have attended Thy ordinances altogether in vain. Though we are unprofitable servants, do not forsake us. Though we are dull of hearing and slow of heart to believe, yet mercifully bear with our infirmities, and cast us not away from Thy presence. Grant that every Sabbath may be the means of bringing us nearer to Thyself, and of making us more meet for the enjoyment of Thy glorious kingdom.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord, in our prayers and supplication for all men. Prosper the labors of Thy faithful servants who have this day published the glad tidings of salvation. Give Thy blessing to the seed which they have sown, that it may bring forth fruit abundantly. Hear the prayers which have been offered up for all estates of men in Thy holy Church, and answer them in the multitude of Thy tender mercies. Look with an eye of pity and compassion on such as have neglected Thy ordinances and profaned Thy Sabbaths. Turn them from the error of their ways, and give them repentance unto salvation.

We desire now to commend ourselves, and all who are dear unto us, to the protection of Thy good providence. Bless, preserve, and keep us through the perils of the night. And grant us Thy peace all the days of our life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

FIFTH SUNDAY EVENING.

O LORD our heavenly Father, we beseech Thee to accept the worship which we have rendered unto Thee on this Thy holy day. Give Thy blessing to all the means of grace, and impart unto us a full conviction of those doctrines of Thy gospel which have been delivered to us.

We beseech Thee to manifest to all our hearts the abounding grace and love of Christ, that we may be delivered from slavish fears, and may advance with cheerful and willing steps in the way of Thy commandments. Give us that hope which is the anchor of the soul, sure and steadfast. Vouchsafe unto us that most excellent gift of charity, without which we are but as the sounding brass and the tinkling cymbal. May we more plainly perceive and more often reflect on the cause of our having so imperfectly obeyed Thee in times past. O God, we have not loved Thee, and therefore we have not served Thee as we ought. Our hearts have been too cold and insensible; Christ our Saviour hath died for us, but we have remained little affected by all that He did and suffered for us.

O do Thou impress upon us those all-powerful doctrines of Thy word which are able to draw our hearts to Thee, and especially may redeeming love, that great theme of the gospel, be the favorite subject of our meditation. And grant, O Lord, that having learnt to love Thee for Thine unspeakable mercies in Jesus Christ, and having obtained an interest in His salvation, we may have the consolation of trusting that we are safe in life, in death, and in eternity. May we pass through all the future scenes of life secure from the sins by which we have been overcome; and having surmounted some of the trials which once threatened us, may the recollection be an encouragement for us to trust that we shall, in due time, triumph over them all.

Give us such a steadfast hope of immortal life through our blessed Saviour, that no temptations may prevail over us. May we be occupied, whenever we may have seasons of retirement, by the hope of heaven and the love of Christ; and when we are engaged in business in the world, may our love to Thee inspire us with such constant zeal in doing good, that we may be preserved from those snares to which the careless and the profane are ever exposed. And thus may we pass on through life, growing in grace, looking to the Author and Finisher of our faith, and anticipating a happy resurrection. We ask it for Jesus Christ our Saviour's sake.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

FIRST MONDAY MORNING.

O ETERNAL God, by whose power we were made, and by whose goodness we have been preserved, let our cry come up unto Thee with acceptance, for our Redeemer's sake.

Refreshed by the rest and services of the Sabbath, we are now entering upon the employments of another week. May we show by our holy lives that we have not heard Thy word in vain. May we carry into practice the lessons which we learned yesterday in Thy house of prayer.

O God, preserve us graciously through the day which is now begun. Make us obedient to Thy holy will. Fit us for the proper discharge of our various duties. Whatsoever our hands find to do that is according to Thy will, may we do it with our might. And may we ever consider it our highest privilege to work for Thee.

O Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, take away our sins. Be Thou our shield and hiding-place. Draw us, O Thou good Shepherd, to Thyself; keep us near Thee, suffer us not to wander; feed us in the green pasture of Thy word. Let Thy rod and staff guide, comfort, and support us. Make us to feel continually that we are Thine, bought with the price of Thine own most precious blood. Help us to glorify Thee in our bodies and in our spirits, which are Thine. May Thy Holy Scriptures may be a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our paths. Order our steps in Thy word, and let no iniquity have dominion over us.

O Lord, our eyes are upon Thee, and our expectation from Thee. From Thee cometh down every good and perfect gift. Give us, we beseech Thee, wisdom and strength; give us joy, and peace, and comfort. Give us a hope that maketh not ashamed. Thou who hast not spared Thine own Son, but hast delivered Him up for us all, give us for His sake all things that are good for us, both for time and for eternity.

Whilst thus we ask Thy blessings for the time to come, we desire to praise Thee also for those which we have already received. We thank Thee for daily strength and nightly rest; for powers of mind and body; for peace and quietness; for the many temporal gifts which Thou daily bestowest upon us. And we thank Thee yet more for Thy word, Thy house of prayer, Thy ministers, and, above all, for that Saviour whom they proclaim to us. O Lord, make us increasingly thankful for all Thy loving-kindness; and do Thou accept our prayers and praises for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

SECOND MONDAY MORNING.

LORD, teach us how to pray. Awaken in us a deep feeling of our many wants, and encourage us to come boldly to Thy throne of grace. And do Thou, O blessed Spirit, intercede for us, helping our infirmities, and giving us earnest and devout hearts.

We desire to thank Thee, O God, for the blessings of the past night. Thou hast kept us safely during the hours of darkness; Thou hast watched over us when we could not watch over ourselves; and Thou hast brought us in safety to the beginning of another day. As Thou hast been about our bed during the night, be Thou also about our path this day.

We thank Thee for the measure of health which we enjoy, for our family comforts, and for our many spiritual mercies. We bless Thee most of all for giving us a Saviour. O that He may be precious to our souls. May we know Him, and love Him, and serve Him. Make each one now before Thee to be His true and faithful follower.

Lord, we acknowledge that this world has but little in it to make us really happy; but if Thou givest us Thy favor, we shall be happy indeed. O then, lift up the light of Thy countenance upon us, and speak peace to our souls. Give us some token of Thy love, a blessed assurance that Thou numberest us amongst Thy children.

And now, O Lord, as we are entering upon the business and employments of another week, be with us in our going out and coming in. Preserve us in body and in soul. Keep us not only from outward transgressions, but also from inward and secret sins. May we be watchful over our hearts, and keep the door of our lips. When forbidden thoughts come into our minds, enable us to drive them out. Give us grace to correct our evil tempers. Make us kind and gentle one towards another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as Thou for Christ's sake hast forgiven us.

Bring to our remembrance, O God, all that we heard yesterday; and enable us to practise during the week the holy lessons which were taught us on Thy sacred day. Keep us constantly mindful how short our time is, and that we are drawing day by day nearer to the close of life. O that each day may find us holier; sitting more loosely to this world, and more ready to leave it; growing in grace, more conformed to the image of Christ, and more meet for heaven. And grant, that when our days on earth are ended, we may be received into Thy presence, to dwell with Thee for ever, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

THIRD MONDAY MORNING.

O GOD, who makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise Thee, accept our thanksgivings for the blessings of the past night.

We have lain down and slept, and are now assembled together to acknowledge that it is Thou only who makest us continually to dwell in safety. Thou art the God of our life; day by day will we direct our prayer unto Thee, and look up. Hear us, we beseech Thee, in the multitude of Thy mercies, for the sake of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grant, Lord, that the day which is past may shed its hallowed influence on this day, and on all the days of the week. Give us grace to engage in the cares and business of life with fear and trembling, as those who know the deceitfulness of sin, and the weakness of our mortal nature.

Constrain us, O merciful Father, to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Help us to love our neighbor as ourselves, and to do unto all men as we would they should do unto us. May we be jealous over our own hearts, and daily keep them with all diligence, remembering that out of them are the issues of life. Be pleased also, O God, to set a watch about our mouths, and to keep the door of our lips, that no communication may proceed out of them but that which is good for the use of edifying. May we always bear in mind, that for every idle as well as for every profane word which we shall speak, we must give account in the day of judgment.

Bow down Thine ear, O Lord, and hear us in behalf of others. Pour down the dew of Thy blessing on all the congregations of Thy people, particularly on that which worshiped with us in Thy holy temple on the day that is past.

We pray Thee also to bless all the ministers of Thy holy word (especially Thy servant whom Thou hast appointed to minister unto us). Give them Thy blessing in all their ways. Be with them in all their endeavors to promote the glory of Thy name.

And hasten, O Lord, the fulfilment of Thy word, that in every nation of the earth all men shall know Thee, from the greatest to the least.

Now unto Thee, who art able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of Thy glory with exceeding joy, even unto Thee, the only wise God, our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, henceforth and for evermore.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

FOURTH MONDAY MORNING.

O GOD, who hast added to the number of our days, and hast opened our eyes to behold the light of another morning, we beseech Thee to look upon us and bless us; show us the light of Thy countenance, and be merciful unto us.

Dispose us this day to serve Thee faithfully, in simplicity and godly sincerity. Grant that the good seed of divine truth which was sown in our hearts on Thy holy day, may not be choked with the cares, or business, or pleasures of this life. Water it abundantly with the dew of Thy blessing, and cause it to bring forth fruit to perfection. Let us not be forgetful hearers, but doers of Thy word; showing ourselves in all things a pattern of good works. Constrain us, O merciful Father, to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Help us to love our neighbor as ourselves, and to do unto all men as we would they should do unto us. May we be jealous over our own hearts, and daily keep them with all diligence, remembering that out of them are the issues of life. Be pleased also, O God, to set a watch about our mouths, and to keep the door of our lips, that no communication may proceed out of them but that which is good for the use of edifying. And may we also bear in mind, that every idle as well as every profane word which we shall speak, we must give account thereof in the day of judgment.

Send down Thine especial blessing upon that congregation of Thy people with which we are connected. By well-doing cause them to put to silence the ignorance of foolish men, that they, who are of the contrary part, may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of them. And grant, O most gracious God, who art the author of peace and the lover of concord, that the multitude of those who believe in our days as in the days of old, may be all of one heart and of one soul, that there may be no schism in the body of Christ.

Bless, we beseech Thee, the ministers of Thy word. Be with them in all their endeavors to promote the glory of Thy name. Let not their labor of love be in vain, but make the weapons of their warfare mighty to the pulling down of the strongholds of sin and Satan, that the wicked may no longer triumph in their wickedness, but be converted from the error of their ways. We ask all in Jesus' name. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

FIFTH MONDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, the Father of all mercies, we humbly beseech Thee to accept the praises and thanksgivings with which we begin this day. Unworthy as we are to offer them, and insufficient as they are to show forth all Thy goodness, yet be graciously pleased to receive them, for the sake of Him through whom alone they are offered; even for the sake of Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord.

Day by day will we give thanks unto Thee, O God, and speak of all Thy marvellous works. Our praise shall be always of Thee. We adore and magnify Thee for the daily bounties of Thy good providence, for our preservation through the night past, and for all the blessings of the present life by which we are encompassed on every side. But chiefly we thank Thee for Thy unspeakable love in the redemption of our souls. We bless Thee for the many and great advantages which were afforded us on the Sabbath which is past; for Thy house of prayer; for Thy appointed ministers; for Thy holy word; and for all other means of grace and salvation.

Help us now to call to our remembrance, and earnestly to take heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. Especially grant that the sacred influence of Thy word and ordinances may be manifested in our lives this day. Knowing that Thou canst not be deceived by outward appearances, and requirest the homage of our hearts, may we not trust to a form of godliness, and deny the power thereof; but be faithful and sincere in Thy service, keeping our hearts with all diligence, and laboring to bring every thought and intent thereof in captivity to the obedience of Christ. Dispose us faithfully to perform our duty towards our neighbor. Make us upright in our dealings, providing things honest in the sight of all men, rendering unto all their dues.

We commend ourselves, O Lord, and all our concerns, into Thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator and most merciful Saviour; knowing that Thou art able to keep that which we commit unto Thee against the great day. Thou, Lord, art our rock and our fortress, whereunto we will always resort; our deliverer, in whom we do trust; the horn also of our salvation, and our refuge. O Lord, have mercy upon us; let Thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in Thee. O Lord, in Thee have we trusted, let us never be confounded.

We ask these great blessings for ourselves, and for all mankind, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

FIRST EVENING.

MOST merciful God, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and hast promised forgiveness to all those who confess and forsake their sins, we come before Thee in an humble sense of our own unworthiness, acknowledging our manifold transgressions of Thy righteous laws. But, O gracious Father, who desirest not the death of a sinner, look upon us, we beseech Thee, in mercy, and forgive us all our transgressions. Make us deeply sensible of the great evil of them, and work in us a hearty contrition, that we may obtain forgiveness at Thy hands, who art ever ready to receive humble and penitent sinners, for the sake of Thy Son Jesus Christ.

And lest, through our own frailty, or the temptations which encompass us, we be drawn again into sin, vouchsafe us, we beseech Thee, the direction and assistance of Thy Holy Spirit. Reform whatever is amiss in the temper and disposition of our souls, that no unclean thoughts, unlawful designs, or inordinate desires, may rest there. Purge our hearts from envy, hatred, and malice, that we may never suffer the sun to go down upon our wrath, but may always go to our rest in peace, charity, and good-will, with a conscience void of offence towards Thee and towards men; that so we may be preserved pure and blameless unto the coming of our Lord.

And accept, O Lord, our intercessions for all mankind. Let the light of Thy gospel shine upon all nations; and may as many as have received it, live as becomes it. Be gracious unto Thy Church, and grant that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may serve Thee faithfully. Bless all in authority over us, and so rule their hearts and strengthen their hands, that they may punish wickedness and vice, and maintain Thy true religion and virtue. Send down Thy blessings, temporal and spiritual, upon all our relations, friends, and neighbors. Reward all who have done us good, and pardon all those who have done or wish us evil, and give them repentance and better minds. Be merciful to all who are in any trouble; and do Thou, the God of pity, administer to them according to their several necessities, for His sake who went about doing good, Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Continue to us Thy gracious protection this night. Defend us from all dangers and mischiefs and from the fear of them, that we may enjoy such refreshing sleep as may fit us for the duties of the following day. Make us ever mindful of the time when we shall lie down in the dust; and grant us grace always to live in such a state that we may never be afraid to die; so that, living and dying, we may be Thine, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we offer up our prayers. Amen.

Our Father, etc. The grace, etc.

SECOND EVENING.

O LORD our God, who, though Thou art infinitely great and holy, yet humblest Thyself to receive the petitions of Thy needy creatures, be pleased graciously to accept this our evening sacrifice of prayer and praise. Enable us always to draw near to Thee with reverence and godly fear.

Thou hast encouraged us by many exceeding great and precious promises to make known our wants unto Thee. Thou hast said, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find." O Lord, remember this Thy word unto Thy servants, upon which Thou hast caused us to hope.

We come to Thee to ask for the pardon of our many sins. When we look back upon the events of a single day, how much is there to confess and to mourn over! what neglect of duty, what indulgence of secret sins, how many foolish and impatient words spoken, how many vows and promises unfulfilled and forgotten! O Lord, blot out as a thick cloud our transgressions, and as a cloud our sins. Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously. Say unto our souls, "I am Thy salvation." Ere we lie down on our beds this night, grant us to feel the comforting assurance that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin.

And do Thou, O Lord, break the power of sin within us. Cause us more and more to hate all that is evil, and strengthen us more resolutely to fight against it. Show to us more of the deep corruption and deceitfulness of our own hearts, that we may be truly humbled before Thee, and may come to Thee continually for sanctifying and strengthening grace. Order our steps in Thy word, and let no iniquity have dominion over us. Make us willing to be wholly Thine. May our eye be single, and our desire sincere. And quicken us, O Lord, in Thy way. Warm our cold hearts with love, strengthen our faith, and confirm our hope.

And now that we are about to lie down to sleep, be pleased to guard us from all evil, and to keep us in peace and safety. Grant us the blessing of refreshing rest; or if we should lie wakeful upon our beds, fill our minds with thoughts of Thee. When we draw near to Thee in private prayer, assist us by Thy Holy Spirit to hold real communion with Thee. Make us to feel that Thou art nigh unto us, waiting to be gracious, and able and willing to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think. Make us earnestly to long for those blessings which come from above, and then do Thou satisfy the desires which Thou Thyself hast awakened. O Lord, graciously hear us, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

THIRD EVENING.

ALMIGHTY Father, we humbly draw near to Thee this evening in the name of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. We praise Thee that through Him Thou hast opened a way by which we may approach Thee with acceptance.

We bless Thee that we have been kept this day in safety by Thy watchful care. Thanks be unto Thee for the supply of our bodily wants, and our preservation from danger. O God, suffer us not to think little of our daily blessings, because they are continually renewed to us. Make us ever mindful of our own unworthiness, that we may be more truly thankful for all Thy loving-kindness and tender mercy. We praise Thee for Thy love to us. Enable us to show our thankfulness by endeavoring to please Thee.

And, O Thou who art the God of grace, as well as the God of providence, as Thou hast supplied our temporal wants, supply also our spiritual necessities. We thank Thee for Thine unspeakable gift, the gift of Thine own dear Son. By Thy Holy Spirit convince us of our sinfulness, and thus make us to see our need of a Saviour. Make us to feel that we are spiritually diseased, so that we may hasten to the great Physician of souls.

Implant in us, O Lord, a true and lively faith in Christ. Let us not be satisfied with knowing that He is the Saviour of others; enable us to feel, each one of us, that He is our Saviour. May our whole trust be in Him, and all our hopes drawn from Him. May His name be precious to us, and His service delightful. May we love His voice, and meekly follow Him.

Lord, Thou knowest our foolishness, and our faults are not hid from Thee. O pity our weakness, and strengthen us with might by Thy Spirit in the inner man. Have compassion on our ignorance, and give us heavenly wisdom. Of Thy great mercy pardon our many sins and shortcomings, and incline us to walk more humbly and more diligently in Thy ways. Whatever holy purposes Thy Spirit may awaken in our hearts, enable us to carry them into practice. Preserve us from the guilt of knowing what is right and doing what is wrong. We acknowledge that we are often dull and cold, and disposed to wander from Thee. O Thou, who camest that we might have life, give new life and warmth to our souls.

And now that we are about once more to lie down to sleep, O Lord, graciously watch over us and protect us. Preserve our frail bodies from harm, and keep our minds in peace. Raise up, O Lord, our hearts and hopes to Thyself, scatter every anxious thought that disturbs us, and keep us simply trusting in Thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

FOURTH EVENING.

O THOU that hearest prayer, to Thee do we come. Look down upon us in mercy, O God, and for Thy dear Son's sake hearken unto our cry.

We thank Thee for the blessings of another day. Thou art good, and doest good; Thou daily loadest us with benefits. But we acknowledge with shame that we have made but poor returns for all the kindness which Thou hast so mercifully shown towards us. Whilst Thou hast been blessing us, we have too often been grieving Thee by our waywardness and hardness of heart. O Lord, pardon our ingratitude and rebellion. Forgive our pride, and self-sufficiency, and worldliness of mind. Forgive our unbelief and unprofitableness. Forgive us that we have had so little delight in Thy holy Word, and have so little valued the precious privilege of prayer. To us, O Lord, belong shame and confusion of face, but to Thee, blessed be Thy name, belong mercies and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Thee. O God, subdue the power of sin within us. Grant unto us a sincere hatred of what is evil, and fill us with earnest desires after holiness.

Suffer us not, gracious Lord, to be satisfied with that cold and formal service which we have so often rendered Thee. Incline us by Thy grace to yield up our hearts and to consecrate our lives wholly to Thee. Make Thy Word quick and powerful for our guidance. Let its precious promises cheer us, and its wholesome precepts guide us continually.

O God, grant that Thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts. May He enlighten our understandings, and sanctify our affections, and show us more and more of the love, and power, and mercy of Christ our Saviour.

Look with Thy favor upon our country. Give wisdom to our Rulers, and incline them to seek above all things Thy glory and the spiritual welfare of the people of this land.

And now that we are about to lie down to rest, take us, we beseech Thee, under Thy protecting care. Keep far from us all evil desires and imaginations. Let not the wicked one breathe unholy thoughts into our minds. If we should lie wakeful upon our beds, bring to our recollection some precious truth of Thy Word, and fill us with peaceful thoughts of Thee and of heaven.

Most merciful Father, bless and watch over all who are near and dear to us. May we and they walk humbly with Thee here, and at last rest with Thee above, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

FIFTH EVENING.

O THOU high and lofty One that inhabitest eternity, whose name is Holy, we desire now to draw near to Thy mercy-seat with reverence and godly fear. We are not worthy to lift up our hearts and our voices unto Thee, but He is worthy in whose holy name we come, even Jesus our Mediator and Redeemer. For His sake incline Thine ear and hearken to this our evening prayer.

Thou, Lord, art kind even to the unthankful and the evil; and, notwithstanding our unprofitableness and sin, Thou hast been good and kind to us this day. Thou hast graciously watched over us and kept us from hour to hour. We thank Thee for health and strength, for food and clothing, for deliverance from the evils and sorrows which so many of our fellow-creatures have this day suffered, and for the many comforts and blessings which we enjoy.

But, O God, whilst Thou dost so mercifully provide for our bodily comfort and our temporal necessities, we need and we ask blessings also for our souls. We pray that we may be strengthened with might by Thy Spirit in the inner man. We pray that the eyes of our understanding may be enlightened, so that we may know more clearly the great and precious truths of Thy Word. We pray that Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith; and that, being rooted and grounded in love, we may know more and more of the love of Christ which passeth knowledge.

Pardon our iniquities, we beseech Thee; and whilst we confess our sins, give us grace to hate them, and strength to fight against them.

Grant, O God, that the close of another day may remind us of the close of our earthly pilgrimage. Give us every day an increasing meetness for our heavenly inheritance. Enable us to walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

We pray for our Government, that under it we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. Make peace in all our borders, and grant that true religion may flourish in our land.

And now, O Lord, be about our bed through the hours of darkness. Keep our bodies in safety, and our minds in peace. Let our last thoughts ere we sleep be of Thee, and let our first desires when we wake be towards Thee. Make us to feel that both by day and by night Thou art our ever-watchful Guardian. And do Thou pardon, guide, and bless us, henceforth and for ever, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

SIXTH EVENING.

O LORD, who art the Father of mercies and the God of all grace, we are gathered together in Thy name; be Thou in the midst of us.

Teach us daily to feel our entire dependence on Thee. Thou, O God, didst bring us into being; Thou hast preserved us from our earliest days unto this present hour. Thou knowest the wants of each one now before Thee, and to Thee the very secrets of our hearts are all open. Give, Lord, not according to our deservings, but give according to our necessities, and according to Thy grace and goodness in Christ Jesus.

We thank Thee, heavenly Father, for all Thy mercies, for those which concern our bodies as well as those which concern our souls. Thou hast graciously supplied us with food to nourish us, clothing to cover us, and friends to care for us. Thou hast granted us plenty, whilst many have been suffering from want; and health, whilst many have been worn by sickness. But above all, Thou hast given us a Saviour to die for us, and Thou hast prepared a home for us in heaven. For these mercies, give us thankful hearts.

We confess, O Lord, with shame, that the trifles of this world too much engross our thoughts. Enable us to crucify the flesh with its affections and lusts. May we live as strangers and pilgrims here, looking for our dwelling-place above. Give us a taste for spiritual enjoyments. Make us new creatures in Christ Jesus. Shed abroad Thy love in our hearts. Give us faith to rest our souls on Christ. May His sacrifice on the cross be our only hope, His example our daily pattern, and, like Him, may we ever be doing good.

Enable us, O God, to pass the time of our sojourning here in fear. May our greatest dread be to offend Thee, and our greatest delight to serve Thee. Enable us to live this short life as those whose treasure is above. And do Thou fit us for our great change. If any among us are asleep as regards our souls, do Thou in mercy awaken us. If any of us are almost Christians, incline us to give our hearts altogether to Christ. Breathe, O Lord, into our souls, that we may live before Thee. Give us, O give us heavenly hopes and heavenly desires. Quicken us by Thy Holy Spirit.

Be with us, gracious Father, this night. Shelter us under Thy wing and keep us in safety. Grant that all who are now before Thee may be numbered among Thy people. Let there not be one wanting when Thou makest up Thy jewels; but may we, who now dwell together on earth, meet together at Thy right hand, and sit down together in Thy kingdom. Grant this, O Lord, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

SEVENTH EVENING.

O MOST blessed and gracious God, enable us to draw near to Thee this evening with humble and believing hearts. Thou art the Fountain of happiness, and hast no need of our services. But without Thee we are miserable. We are poor, and weak, and helpless; and have need, day by day and night by night, of Thy Almighty protection. Shelter us this night beneath the covert of Thy wings. Take us into Thy keeping, and we shall be safe.

We bless Thee for having preserved us from numberless accidents, for having sheltered us from dangers both seen and unseen, and for having stood by us in the time of trial. And further we would thank Thee for having not only watched over our bodies but over our souls also. If we have resisted temptation this day, or have been kept from sin, to Thy grace we owe it all. O leave us not for one instant to ourselves, or we shall surely fall. Guide us step by step, and uphold our goings in Thy paths.

We thank Thee, gracious God, that Thou hast given us a Saviour. Make us to feel our need of Him. Convince us of our sinfulness by the teaching of Thy Holy Spirit; and may that precious blood which was shed upon the cross cleanse us from all our guilt. Wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow.

O our Father, we beseech Thee not only to pardon our sins, but also to deliver us from the power of them. Teach us to hate sin, even as Thou hatest it. May we be careful not to offend Thee, and anxious to please Thee in all things. May we feel that it is our greatest happiness to know Thee, and our highest privilege to serve Thee. May it be our meat and drink to do Thy will. Make prayer to be our delight. And whatever may befall us, may we always fly to Thee, and cast all our care upon Thee; for Thou, Lord, carest for us.

Give us a more fervent love for Thy holy word. Grant that the study of it may be our continual comfort, and the daily nourishment of our souls.

Do Thou enlighten us by Thy Holy Spirit, that its truths may be made clear to us, and may come home with power to our hearts. What we see not teach Thou us; so that we may daily grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of Christ.

We desire, O Lord, to pray for others. Do Thou bless our country. Make us to be a Christian people, fearing Thee and working righteousness.

Hear us, O heavenly Father, and bless us for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

EIGHTH EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY God, look down upon us from Thy throne in heaven, whilst we draw near to Thee with the voice of prayer and praise. Thou art full of kindness to us, Thy unworthy servants. We desire to thank Thee for all Thy mercies to us during the past day. Thanks be unto Thee for having preserved us in our going out and our coming in.

Thou knowest, Lord, what is really best for us. If Thou art pleased to give us worldly blessings, we thank Thee for them; but if Thou shouldest see fit to withhold them from us, make us content. We would leave all then in Thy hands, only begging of Thee, that whatever Thou givest, Thy blessing may be given with it; and that whatever Thou withholdest, Thou wilt not take Thy Holy Spirit from us. Be Thou, O Lord, our never-failing portion, and may we find all our joy in Thee; for Thou art the Fountain of life and happiness to Thy creatures.

O heavenly Father, lead us in the path, the straight and narrow path, of eternal life, and let us never turn to the right hand or to the left. Show us Thy way, and give us grace to walk in it. Enable us to live very close to Thee, to enjoy much of Thy presence, and to feel that Thou art ever with us. Make us, O God, entirely Thine. May we take Thy Word as our guide, Thy people as our companions, and Thine arm as our support, in our journey through this wilderness. Let no difficulties alarm us, and no temptations lead us aside. Make us willing to bear the cross, and to fight the good fight of faith. And then, Lord, do Thou at length receive us into those heavenly mansions, where Christ is gone to prepare a place for us. O that not one of this family may be wanting in that day when Thou gatherest Thy people into Thy kingdom. And whilst we are here, make us useful. Show us what Thou wouldst have us to do, and give us willing hearts to do it. Lord, we have hitherto lived too much to ourselves; help us henceforth to live unto Thee who hast loved us and given Thyself for us.

We are now about to lie down and take our rest. Give us, we beseech Thee, refreshing sleep. Watch over us and our habitation this night. Let no evil come near us, but raise us up again, if it be Thy will, in health and safety. Make us always mindful that we shall soon sleep the sleep of death. Whenever that solemn hour arrives, may we be ready to put off our earthly clothing, and to depart and be with Christ for ever.

O Lord, give us all that we have asked and all that we want, not for our own worthiness, but for the sake of Thy dear Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

NINTH EVENING.

O ETERNAL God, who dwellest in the highest heavens, and yet humblest Thyself to listen to the prayers of Thy children here on earth, hearken to us who now desire to present our evening supplication unto Thee. May we not only bow the knee, but also humble our souls in Thy presence. May we not only lift up our voice to Thee, but may we also raise our hearts heavenwards.

Pardon, for Christ's sake, all our cold and unworthy prayers, and give us at this time an earnest spirit of devotion. O our Father, hear us; O Saviour, plead for us; O Holy Spirit, solemnize our minds, and teach us how to pray.

Lord, forgive us all that we have done amiss this day. And not only pardon our sinful actions, but also all our sinful words and imaginations. Make us watchful over ourselves, and cleanse Thou the secret thoughts of our hearts. We desire to be holy, even as Thou art holy. O Lord Jesus Christ, we bear Thy name; make us Christians in heart and in life. May we daily be more and more conformed to Thy likeness. May we, like Thee, be meek, and gentle, and holy, and heavenly-minded. May we give ourselves to Thee, and not be ashamed to follow Thee in the midst of a wicked world.

We thank Thee, O our God, that Thou hast not left us alone in this dark wilderness, but hast promised to be with us, and hast given us Thy Word as a lamp to our feet and a light unto our path. Let that Word be dearer to us than thousands of gold and silver. Enable us to understand it. Give us Thy Spirit to teach us; and as we read it, do Thou bring home Thy own truth to our souls. Make us doers of Thy Word, and not readers and hearers only. Thou hast promised, heavenly Father, to give us new hearts, and to put a new spirit within us; graciously fulfil to us that promise. Root out of us everything that offends, and plant within us every Christian grace.

Be with our friends and neighbors. Bless those who are rich in this world. Give them hearts to feel for others, and may they be ever doing good. Look upon the poor and friendless. Make the widow's heart to sing for joy; and in Thee may the fatherless find mercy.

Grant that, as members of the same household, we may live together in peace, bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, as Thou for Christ's sake hast forgiven us. And do Thou, the God of peace, dwell amongst us, and cheer us with Thy presence.

Hearken, O Lord, to this our evening prayer, for Jesus Christ's sake.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

TENTH EVENING.

O MOST high and holy God, we Thine unworthy and sinful creatures come before Thee this evening, humbly asking Thee to accept our thanks for the many mercies we have received at Thy hands. We thank Thee that Thou hast taken care of us during the past day; that in our going out and coming in Thou hast most graciously preserved us; that Thou hast given us temporal blessings freely to enjoy, and hast placed the richest spiritual gifts within our reach. But we acknowledge how cold and thankless are our hearts, and how backward we are to praise and glorify Thee.

O Lord, forgive, we beseech Thee, the sins of another day. Forgive our vain and foolish thoughts, our idle and unprofitable words, our unkind and hasty tempers, our wasted time and misused talents. Lord, Thou hast set our iniquities before Thee, our secret sins in the light of Thy countenance. Yet do Thou of Thine infinite mercy pardon us for Christ's sake, blot out all our transgressions, cleanse and heal our souls, and graciously receive us as Thy forgiven and accepted children. O heavenly Father, plant Thy fear and Thy love in all our hearts. Teach us to remember that Thou art ever near us, and draw us closer to Thyself.

O God the Holy Spirit, fix Thy dwelling-place in our hearts; make us Thy living temples. Suffer us not to grieve Thee; withhold not Thy heavenly light and comfort from us; seal us unto the day of redemption. Thou art the Source and Giver of holy peace and joy. O reveal the love of Christ our Saviour more and more clearly to us, and cause us to rejoice in Him. Make us to feel that in Him alone is our righteousness and strength.

We humbly beseech Thee, most gracious God, to bless this our family. May each member of it be a member of the true family of Christ. May all who are now met around Thy mercy-seat, meet hereafter around Thy throne above. We would entreat Thy blessing on behalf of all whom we love. If any of them are still far from Thee, do Thou in Thy great mercy change their hearts and fetch them home to Thy fold.

Look favorably upon our land. Prosper us as a nation. Let true religion flourish amongst us. Let Thy Word have free course, and be glorified in the midst of us. And from us may the gospel go forth into other lands, so that all the ends of the earth may acknowledge that Jesus is their Lord.

Accept, O God, these our imperfect supplications, and do for us far above our desires and our deservings. Guide us evermore with Thy counsel, and afterwards receive us to Thy glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

ELEVENTH EVENING.

O THOU great and glorious God, at the close of another day we come with the voice of prayer and praise into Thy presence. Thou hast kept us from evil and danger through the day that is past. Be near us, and watch over us, through the darkness of night. May Thine angels, as ministering spirits, encamp around us; but chiefly grant that Thy Holy Spirit Himself may keep and sanctify our souls.

We implore Thy forgiveness, O Lord, for all the sins of another day. We have too often forgotten Thee. We have sinned in word and deed. Pride has too often filled our hearts. We have lived too much for ourselves. The things of this world have too much occupied our thoughts. Forgive us, most merciful Father, for Christ's sake. Pardon our iniquities, for they are great. Create in us, we beseech Thee, a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us. Give us a tender and enlightened conscience. May we live so near to Thee that we may not fear to depart when our change shall come. And when we awake from the sleep of death, on the morning of the resurrection, may a glorious inheritance be ours.

Grant, O God, we pray Thee, that we may find joy and peace in believing. Scatter all clouds of doubt, and darkness, and ignorance. Cause Thy face to shine upon us. In the multitude of the thoughts which we have in our hearts, may Thy comfort refresh our souls. If we should this night lie wakeful upon our beds, may our minds be lifted up to Thee. May thoughts of Thee and of heavenly things thrust out thoughts of vanity and sin. The darkness is no darkness, O Lord, with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day. Impress deeply upon us the solemn consideration that all things are naked and open unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do. May the recollection of Thine all-seeing eye, restrain us in the hour of temptation.

When we read Thy holy Word, grant us, O Lord, a teachable spirit, a wise and understanding heart. Speak to us through its sacred pages. Make it effectual for our edification, instruction, and comfort. May we receive in humble faith its holy precepts and precious promises, and may our daily walk and conversation show that we are indeed taught of Thee.

Look in pity upon those who are living in heathen lands; and hasten the time, O Lord, when all shall know Thee, from the least to the greatest. Prosper the labors of all societies which are seeking the conversion of the heathen. Grant that by their means many sinners may be converted.

Hear us, O Lord, for the sake of Thy Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

TWELFTH EVENING.

O LORD God of our salvation, through another day we have been most graciously preserved by Thy care and blessed by Thy bounty. We desire as a family to offer to Thee our praises and thanksgivings for family mercies. May all Thy great goodness draw our hearts towards Thee.

We are frail and dying creatures. Each day brings with it something to remind us that this is not our rest. Lord, teach us so to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Give us grace to live as those who feel that they are only sojourners here, and who are seeking a better home above. As strangers and pilgrims may we abstain from those fleshly lusts which war against the soul.

We thank Thee for the many means which Thou hast provided for the promotion of our growth in grace and knowledge. Bless those means, we beseech Thee, to the good of our souls. Make Thy holy Word to be our nourishment, our guide, and the great source of our comfort. May it ever be as a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. O Lord, Thou only art the Fountain of light, and wisdom, and truth; open then our hearts to receive Thy Word, and thus lead us onward on our way to heaven.

When we look back upon the day past, we see much to lament before Thee. O pardon our many sins and shortcomings. Cleanse Thou us from secret faults. Keep us back from presumptuous sins. Help us, O Lord, to serve Thee better, and to love Thee more heartily. Sanctify us wholly, body, soul, and spirit. Let us not be conformed to this world, but transformed to the renewing of our minds. May Thy Holy Spirit enlighten our understandings, and purify our hearts.

And now that we are once more about to lie down to rest, grant peaceful repose to our bodies; and take our souls, O gracious Father, into Thy holy keeping. Let no vain and sinful thoughts fill our minds, and draw them away from Thee. May our nightly rest remind us of the sleep of death, to which we are each day drawing nearer. When Thou art pleased to call us, may we be found with our loins girded and our lamps burning, as those who wait for their lord. Whether we live may we live unto Thee, and whether we die may we die unto Thee, so that living or dying we may be evermore Thine. O Lord, hear these our prayers, and grant unto us an answer of peace, for we come to Thee trusting not in our own righteousness, but in the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

THIRTEENTH EVENING.

O LORD our God, we come before Thee this evening, trusting only in the name of Christ our Saviour. Though Thou art high and holy, yet dost Thou humble Thyself to behold the dwellers upon earth, and dost hearken to the cry of Thy needy creatures, for Thy dear Son's sake. Hear us then, O our Father; pity, pardon, and bless us.

We thank Thee for keeping us this day from all the dangers which surround us. We thank Thee for health and strength, and every earthly comfort and blessing. But we praise Thee yet more for the measure of grace which Thou hast given to us, for Thy holy Word, and for the way of salvation which it points out. Teach us to devote all that we have, and all that we are, to Thy service. May our talents be improved and consecrated to Thy glory. May we walk as children of the light; and may our light so shine before men, that they may see our good works, and glorify our Father who is in heaven.

Most merciful God, pardon, we pray Thee, the sins of another day. We are guilty, but Thou art good. Forgive our pride and selfishness, our forgetfulness of Thee and of heavenly things. Our hope is only in Thy mercy. We look to the atoning blood of Christ alone for acceptance with Thee. We beseech Thee to heal and sanctify us, for our Redeemer's sake.

We pray Thee, O God, to bless us as a family. It has been Thy will that we should live together; Thou hast bound us closely one to another. In Thy great mercy grant that all who dwell under this roof may belong to the family of Christ. Put holy desires and affections into all our hearts. May we all walk in that straight and narrow way which leads to everlasting life. And grant that brotherly love may continue in this household. May we help and not hinder one another in the way to heaven.

Bless, O Lord, our parish, and prosper all that is done in it for the good of souls. Bless also, we beseech Thee, all societies formed for the spread of Thy gospel. Give wisdom to those who manage them, and grace and zeal to all whom they employ. May their labors be crowned with success, and may they be the instruments in Thy hands of leading many to the knowledge of the Saviour. And hasten the time, we entreat Thee, when all shall know Thee from the least to the greatest.

And now, most gracious Father, we pray Thee to watch over us and protect us through this night. Let Thy love cheer us, and Thy Holy Spirit comfort us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

FOURTEENTH EVENING.

ALMIGHTY God, from whom all good things do come, we thank and praise Thee for the mercies of the past day. Make our hearts so deeply thankful for our many blessings that we may be ready to devote ourselves afresh, body, soul, and spirit, to Thy service.

We entreat Thee, O Lord, to pardon all our sins, and to cast them behind Thy back for ever. They hang over us as a thick cloud; but do Thou, O Lord, blot them out. May the Sun of righteousness rise upon us with healing in His wings, and remove every sin and every doubt. Heal all our backslidings. Receive us graciously, and love us freely.

Look down, O God, in mercy upon this family. Bless each individual member of it. May we all bear in mind that we have a Master in heaven. Teach us to fear Thee. Graft in our hearts the love of Thy name. Constrain us to yield our whole souls to Thee. O remove everything that hinders us from Thy blessed service; and enable us, whether we eat or drink, or whatever we do, to do all to Thy glory. Grant that we may not be too much taken up with the things of this world, but may our hearts be set on things above. Create in us a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us. Give unto us, O God, more of the mind which was in Christ Jesus. May we esteem others better than ourselves. Teach us to pity and to help, as Thou shalt enable us, all who are in want and sorrow. Make us anxious to do good to the souls and bodies of our fellow-men. May we show that we are Christians, not in name only, but in deed and truth; and by our holy and blameless lives may we adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

Almighty Father, pour out upon us Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be sanctified in heart and life, and fitted to serve Thee here, and to dwell with Thee above. May we be temples of the Holy Ghost, and be sealed by Him unto the day of redemption. May His gracious teaching enlighten us, and His holy comfort cheer and refresh our souls. May no cherished sin grieve that blessed Spirit, or quench the flame of love which He would kindle within us. Bless our country. Root out from the midst of us infidelity, Sabbath-breaking, and all licentiousness. Make us a nation fearing Thee, and working righteousness.

Pardon, for Thy mercy's sake, all our iniquities, and especially the sins which cleave even to our prayers; and do for us exceeding abundantly, above all that we can ask or think, for the sake of Jesus Christ our most blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

FIFTEENTH EVENING.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we desire to close this day with serious reflection and fervent prayer, and grant that we may be always ready to perform this reasonable service.

Thy merciful kindness is ever more and more toward us. Thou loadest us daily with Thy benefits, and givest us richly all things to enjoy. We praise Thee for continuing to us our life with all its comforts, for blessing us in our families, in our persons, and in our friends. Help us to see Thy hand, and to own Thy providence, in all our concerns; and with all thankfulness of heart to trace up every stream of earthly comfort to the Fountain of eternal love. But chiefly, we bless Thee for Jesus Christ, through whom all Thy mercies are vouchsafed to us. We adore Thee for having delivered Him up for us all, that with Him also Thou mightest freely give us all things.

O Lord our God, who is like unto Thee, that pardonest iniquity, and passest by the transgression of Thine heritage; that retainest not Thine anger for ever, because Thou delightest in mercy. Mercifully grant that we may be made partakers of this great salvation. Justify us freely through the redemption that is in Him. Though sin hath abounded in us, let Thy grace much more abound.

Grant that Christ may be formed in our hearts the hope of glory; and that, having this blessed hope, we may purify ourselves, even as He is pure. Show unto us all things in our hearts and lives which are displeasing in Thy sight. Preserve us from every practice, and mortify in us every desire which would cause Thee to withdraw Thy presence from us. Make us holy in thought, and word, and deed; abhorring that which is evil, and cleaving to that which is good.

With these prayers for ourselves, we offer up our earnest intercessions for our friends, relations, and neighbors, and for all our fellow-creatures. We humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men, that Thou wouldest be pleased to make Thy ways known unto them, Thy saving health unto all nations.

We pray for all who profess and call themselves Christians, that they may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of Spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to Thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed, that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities. And this we beg, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

SIXTEENTH EVENING.

O LORD, Thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth or the worlds were made, Thou art God from everlasting, and world without end. Upon Thy mercy-seat in the heavens Thou waitest to be gracious; and we, Thy sinful creatures, draw nigh unto Thee as unto a God in Christ, reconciling the world unto Thyself, not imputing their trespasses unto them.

We bless Thee, O Lord, that though we have sinned, we have an Advocate with Thee, Jesus Christ the righteous, who is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.

We pray Thee to create and make in us new and contrite hearts; that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness. Grant us, according to the riches of Thy glory, to be strengthened with might by Thy Spirit in the inner man. Let Christ dwell in our hearts by faith, that, being rooted and grounded in love, we may be able to comprehend, with all saints, what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height, and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that we may be filled with all the fulness of Thee our God.

Thou hast brought and defended us, O heavenly Father, through the dangers of another day, and hast blessed us with every needful blessing in our going out and coming in. But we beseech Thee, O God, to touch our hearts with the solemn and affecting truth, that we know not what shall be on the morrow. Keep us constantly mindful that in the midst of life we are in death. Of whom may we seek for succor but of Thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased? Yet, O Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Be gracious unto such as in this transitory world are suffering, either for their sins or for righteousness' sake, and sanctify their sufferings to the good of their souls. Look with compassion on all whom the sorrows of death are encompassing about. We commend their souls into Thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator and most merciful Saviour, humbly beseeching Thee, that they may be precious in Thy sight. Wash them in the blood of that spotless Lamb that was slain to take away the sins of the world, that they may be presented pure and without spot before Thee.

And all this we ask for Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

SEVENTEENTH EVENING.

O LORD GOD, who shall not fear Thee, and glorify Thy name? Against Thy divine majesty all our sins have been committed. By evil thoughts and idle words, by leaving undone what we ought to do, and by doing what we ought not to do, we have failed continually in our duty to Thee, to our neighbor, and to ourselves. Thy law is spiritual, but we are by nature carnal, sold under sin. We often do that which we allow not; that which we would, we do not, and that which we hate, we do. Even when we would most delight in Thy law, after the inner man, we feel another law in our members warring against the law of our minds, and striving to bring us into captivity to the law of sin which is in our members. We confess, most righteous Lord, that our hearts are deceitful above all things and desperately wicked, and that in our flesh dwelleth no good thing. We are unclean, Lord, we are unclean, and Thou mightest justly regard us with abhorrence.

But to whom should we go but unto Thee, who alone givest medicine to heal our sickness? Mercifully with Thy favor look upon us, for the worthiness of Thy only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, through whom alone we seek all spiritual blessings at Thy hands. Speak the word only, and Thy servants shall be healed. From all our pollutions do Thou cleanse us in His most precious blood. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew right spirits within us. Grant that the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus may make us free from the law of sin and death, and may deliver us from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of Thy children.

Have mercy, O Lord, on all who partake of our sins and infirmities. Support and comfort those who see and lament the evil of their hearts and lives; who feel the flesh lusting against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh, and cannot do the things that they would. Be not Thou far from them, O Lord. Thou art their succor, haste Thee to help them. Enable them to crucify the old man, and to bring into subjection the whole body of sin; and finally, give unto them the victory, through Jesus Christ.

Open the eyes of such as see not the fault and corruption of their nature. Lead those who think that they are rich and increased with goods, and that they have need of nothing, to confess themselves wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked. May they learn to renounce their own righteousness, and submit to the righteousness of God. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us for Thy name's sake.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

EIGHTEENTH EVENING.

O THOU Shepherd of Israel, who neither slumberest nor sleepest, mercifully regard us who now commit ourselves to Thy keeping through this night. Thou who hast given Thy life for the sheep, unto Thee we look up for guidance, preservation, and strength. Lead us in the paths of righteousness for Thy truth's sake. Keep us in the way in which we should go, and guide us with Thine eye. Let Thy loving-kindness and mercy follow us all the days of our life. When we pass through the valley of the shadow of death, be Thou still with us. Let Thy rod and staff comfort and support us. And graciously receive us at last into Thy heavenly fold; there, with Thy people and the sheep of Thy pasture, to give Thee thanks for ever.

Guide and protect all Thy dispersed sheep in the midst of this naughty world. Mercifully guard them from those who lie in wait to deceive; and particularly from that roaring lion which goeth about seeking whom he may devour. Gather the lambs in Thy arms, and carry them in Thy bosom. And grant that, as one fold under one shepherd, they may learn of Thee, who art meek in lowly in heart, to dwell together in peace and love.

O Thou who didst come to seek and to save that which was lost, look with an eye of pity upon those who are still as sheep going astray. Bring them home, blessed Lord, to Thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites. Impart wisdom and faithfulness unto those who are appointed to watch over Thy fold. Let there be none among them who are hirelings, and care not for the sheep. Raise up pastors according to Thy heart, who shall seek that which is lost, and bring again that which is driven away, and bind up that which is broken, and strengthen that which is weak. May they take heed to themselves and to all the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made them overseers, to feed the Church of God, which He purchased with His blood; that when Thou, the Chief Shepherd, shalt appear, they may receive at Thy hands a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

We bless Thee, O Lord, for the peace and protection which Thou affordest us in this favored land, and the means of grace which we so abundantly enjoy. Truly, Thou makest us to lie down in green pastures, and leadest us beside the still waters. Let not our wanderings provoke Thee to withdraw Thy mercies from us, or to exclude us from the rest that remaineth for Thy people. We ask for all through Thy merits, O blessed Jesus, who art, with the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

NINETEENTH EVENING.

GREAT and glorious Lord God, whose eyes are in every place, beholding the evil and the good, help us to worship and serve Thee acceptably, with reverence and godly fear. Thou art here and everywhere present, and knowest all things. Thou art about our path, and about our bed, and spiest out all our ways. There is not a word of our mouth, or a thought and intent of our hearts, but Thou, O God, knowest it altogether. If we say, peradventure the darkness shall cover us, then shall our night be turned into day. Our sins are all naked and open unto Thee; the sins we remember and the sins which we have forgotten. We cannot deny or justify our transgressions, they are so many and so great; and we might well tremble through fear of them, and be afraid to lift up our eyes to the throne of Thy glory.

But though we are thus guilty and evil in Thy sight, yet, O Lord, we beseech Thee, have mercy upon us. We are sorry and ashamed for all our misdoings, and bewail the exceeding sinfulness of our sins. For the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Saviour, we beseech Thee to forgive us all that is past. We plead the prevailing name of Him who loved us and gave Himself for us, that all who believe in Him might not perish, but have everlasting life.

And we pray Thee to keep us from adding to all our other sins the more heinous guilt of neglecting His great salvation. Suffer us not to crucify Thy beloved Son afresh, and put Him to open shame; but grant that we may trust in His name, and receive Him into our hearts by faith. Enable us to build on that foundation which Thou hast laid in Zion, and to remember that other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Christ Jesus. May we receive Him as our Prophet, Priest, and King, hearkening to His instructions, submitting to His righteousness, and obeying His commands. As He was manifested to take away our sins, to make us Thy children, and heirs of everlasting life, grant that we may purify ourselves, even as He is pure; that when He shall appear again, with power and great glory, we may be made like unto Him in His eternal and glorious kingdom.

Defend us, O God our Preserver, through the night season. When we lie down on our beds, may we commune with our own hearts, and think of all Thy goodness towards us. And may we awake in the morning filled with a due sense of Thy mercies, and resolved to live for Thy glory.

Grant these blessings through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

TWENTIETH EVENING.

ALMIGHTY God, who alone art able to help our infirmities, pour down upon us the spirit of grace and supplication. Lord, teach us to pray. Enable us so to draw nigh unto Thee, that we may not be denied the request of our lips, but may be heard and answered through the merits and mediation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Thy mercy is from everlasting to everlasting, and over all Thy works. May it now be shed abundantly upon us who are assembled together to confess our manifold sins and wickedness, and humbly to implore forgiveness at Thy hands. We are, indeed, miserable sinners, and justly deserve to be punished according to the sentence of Thy righteous law. But Thou dost assure us, that there is no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus, and that He is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. We beseech Thee, therefore, to have mercy upon us, and account us righteous before Thee only for His sake. And as Thou hast of Thy great goodness called us to Thy kingdom and glory, enable us, O Lord, to obey Thy call. May we be justified freely, and become Thy children by adoption and grace; may we be made like the image of Thy only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; may we walk religiously in all good works; and at length, through Thy mercy, attain unto the kingdom which Thou hast promised, through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Glory be unto Thee, O heavenly Father, for the blessed hope of eternal life which is set before us. How great is Thy goodness which Thou hast in store for them that love Thee! Who shall not sing praises unto Thy name, which is great, wonderful, and holy. Help us to show forth Thy loving-kindness every morning, and Thy faithfulness every night. Grant that at the close of every day Thy love may be more abundantly shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, and constrain us more perfectly to show forth Thy praise, who hast called us out of darkness into marvellous light. And whenever it shall please Thee to take us hence, prepare us to join the multitude before Thy throne, who evermore praise Thee, saying, Glory to God in the highest.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, to accept this our evening sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving. Receive us and all for whom we have prayed, and for whom we ought to pray, to Thy fatherly protection this night and for evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who, in compassion to our infirmities, has taught us thus to address Thee:

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

TWENTY-FIRST EVENING.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, who hast commanded us to worship Thee, the Lord our God, and Thee only to serve, we acknowledge that this is our reasonable service and our bounden duty. But we confess, with shame and sorrow, that we have not glorified Thee as we ought, and have not given unto Thee the honor which is due unto Thy name. Though Thou hast preserved us from the sin of our forefathers, in bowing down to graven images, yet have we set up our idols in our hearts, and have worshiped and served them more than Thee, the only God. We are verily guilty in Thy sight, and Thou mightest justly answer us according to the multitude of our idols, and refuse to be inquired of by us.

But, O Lord, we beseech Thee, let not Thy righteous anger fall upon us. Judge us not according to our ways, nor recompense us according to our abominations. Say not of us, "They are joined to idols, let them alone," but let Thine eye pity, and Thy hand spare us, and let us find that Thou art the great and wonderful God, who delightest in mercy. Sprinkle us with the blood of Jesus, and we shall be clean. Wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow. Turn us from all secret idolatry of heart, and hereafter let us not serve nor worship any god except our own God, even Thee, the living and the true God. And since of Thy only gift it cometh that Thy faithful people do unto Thee true and laudable service, give us grace to believe in Thee, to fear Thee, and to love Thee, with all our heart.

Hear us, O Lord, while we implore this grace and mercy in behalf of our fellow-creatures. Look in pity on those who are still lying in darkness and the shadow of death, and are serving idols of wood and stone which their own hands have made. Turn them from the error of their ways, and grant them the knowledge of Thyself, and of Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent. Pity and convert those who have brought into Thy Church dangerous heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, lest they bring upon themselves swift destruction. Grant that all who know Thee not may acquaint themselves with Thee and be at peace; and that all who know Thee may be joyful and glad in Thy salvation. Have mercy on the afflicted in mind, body, or estate. Go not from them when trouble is hard at hand, and there is none to help them. And in the multitude of the sorrows which they have in their hearts, let Thy comforts refresh their souls.

O Lord, hear us in these our humble petitions, and send us an answer of peace, for the love of Thy only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

TWENTY-SECOND EVENING.

ALMIGHTY God, who makest light and greatest darkness, the returns of the morning and evening praise Thee. Grant that we, while we have any being, may sing praises unto Thee, our God. Put now into our mouths that glorious song of thanksgiving, which none can sing but the redeemed of the Lord; and when this life is ended, may we be prepared to join that countless multitude before Thy throne, who rest not day and night proclaiming the praises of Him who loved them and washed them from their sins in His own blood.

And, that we may be so prepared, we pray Thee, O Lord Jesus, to love us, as Thou hast loved them; and to wash us, as Thou hast washed them. They were by nature children of wrath, even as we. But we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works which Thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them. And Thy arm is not shortened that it cannot save; nor is Thy ear heavy that it cannot hear. Look therefore upon us, even upon us also, O Lord our Redeemer. Arise, help us, and deliver us, for Thy name's sake. Be unto us a tower of strength against all our enemies. And, that they may not get advantage of us, grant that we may be always sober and watchful unto prayer, putting on the breast-plate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

We look up to Thee, O Lord Almighty, for Thy blessing through the night. May we lie down, and our sleep be sweet unto us. And grant that, whether waking or sleeping, we may live together with Thee.

We desire also to commend our fellow-creatures to Thy fatherly mercy. We humbly beseech Thee, O Thou Fountain of goodness, to bless our civil rulers. Endue them with Thy Holy Spirit, enrich them with Thy heavenly grace, prosper them with all happiness, and bring them to Thy everlasting kingdom. Remember for good the churches which Thy right hand hath planted, and water them abundantly with the dew of Thy blessing. Clothe Thy ministers with the armor of righteousness, on the right hand and on the left. Make Thy chosen people joyful in Thy salvation. Bless all parents and heads of families. Deliver them from that wrath which Thou hast threatened to pour out upon those who know Thee not, and upon the families that call not upon Thy name. Give them grace to walk in Thy ways, and to command their households after them, bringing up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

We offer our petitions in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

TWENTY-THIRD EVENING.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth, who is like unto Thee, that pardonest iniquity, and passest by the transgression of Thy heritage; that retainest not Thy anger for ever, because Thou delightest in mercy? When we call to remembrance the days that are gone, and consider how many of them have been spent in forgetfulness of Thee, innumerable sorrows might well encompass us, and our sins take such hold upon us that we should not be able to look up.

We therefore bless Thee for Jesus, the Mediator of the new covenant, through whom we hope to be justified from all things, from which we could not be justified by any righteousness of our own. We adore and magnify Thy name, O Father of mercies and God of all consolation, for having called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to Thy own purpose and grace, given us in Christ Jesus before the world began. O for a song of praise! for a psalm of everlasting thanksgiving unto Thee, the God of our salvation! O Lamb of God, worthy art Thou that wast slain, to receive honor, and glory, and blessing.

Teach us, O Lord, to live day by day in humble dependence on Thy promises, in cheerful obedience to Thy laws, and in a sure and certain hope of a blessed immortality. Keep us, we beseech Thee, with Thy perpetual mercy; and because the frailty of man without Thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by Thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation. In all time of our tribulation, in all time of our prosperity, in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment, good Lord, deliver us.

Preserve us especially from all the evils to which we may be exposed this night. Graciously give Thy angels charge concerning us, to pitch their tents around our beds; and grant that our friends, our neighbors, and all who are dear unto us, may be brought in safety to the beginning of another day. But as we continually carry about us a body of death, give us grace to consider our latter end. As often as we are about to lie down on the bed of sleep, help us to look forward to that sleep in the dust of the earth from which all shall awake at the last, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And may we be found meet in that day to join in that glorious song which Thou hast prepared for those who wait for Thy appearing: "Lo! this is our God: we have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is the Lord: we will rejoice and be glad in His salvation." We ask all through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

TWENTY-FOURTH EVENING.

WE praise Thee, O Lord, for all Thy mercies to us this day. Thou daily pourest out Thy benefits upon us. Blessed be Thy Name, O Thou God of our salvation. May we derive all our joy and peace from Thee, and find all our comfort and happiness in living for Thee. Establish, we pray Thee, that kingdom within us which is righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. In this dying world may our faith be in Christ, the resurrection and the life. In this changing world may we never be moved away from the blessed hope of the gospel. Let not our faith be overthrown, let not our hope sink in despair, let not our love fail; but may they be firmly fixed on Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever.

Lead us in the narrow path of eternal life and uphold our goings, that our footsteps slip not. Enable us so to pass through this world of sin and danger, that we may at last reach the heavenly Canaan. O bring us to that rest which remaineth for the people of God. Whilst we live, may we live unto Thee, O Lord; and when we die, may we die unto Thee.

Bless us, O Lord, as a family. Forgive us all our sins, and subdue in us every unholy temper and disposition. May we so dwell in love, that Thou, the God of love and peace, mayest be with us. Bless our dear friends. Forgive our enemies and turn their hearts, and give us grace freely to forgive them, even as we hope to be forgiven. Let the same mind be in us which was also in Christ Jesus. Give us grace so to learn of Him, who was meek and lowly in heart, that we may find rest to our souls.

Be gracious and favorable, O Lord, to our country. Let Thy providence be our defence, and Thy presence our glory. Give to all who are in authority wisdom and courage to use it to the honor of Thy Name and the welfare of those whom Thou hast put in subjection under them.

Bless and prosper Thy holy church universal, and especially that part of it to which we belong. Increase the number of Thy faithful people, and make them fruitful in every good word and work. Keep us mindful, O Lord, that the end of all things is at hand. Let us not be weary in well-doing, but may we be sober, and watch unto prayer. May we lie down this night reposing our souls and bodies upon Thy mercy and love, O God our Saviour. And when our day of grace is ended, then, as faithful servants, may we enter into the joy of our Lord, and rejoice in the glory of our blessed and exalted Redeemer, to whom, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be ascribed everlasting praise. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

TWENTY-FIFTH EVENING.

O LORD God of our salvation, from whom alone all good things do come, we beseech Thee to supply all our wants out of Thy fulness, and of Thy tender mercy to pardon all our sins. Our sins are many and great, O Lord, forgive them. Our mercies are innumerable and undeserved; O make us truly thankful for them.

We live upon Thy bountiful grace and mercy; enable us, we beseech Thee to live to Thy honor and glory. May the love of Thee take full possession of our hearts, and be manifested in our lives. Give us grace to walk before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days. May we serve Thee with a perfect heart and with a willing mind. Laying aside every weight, with the sin that doth most easily beset us, may we run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith. O God our Saviour, Thou that givest strength unto Thy people, let us not faint or be weary in our minds, but do Thou comfort and support us, that we may steadfastly endure to the end. Whilst some are departing from Thee, give us grace to cleave to Thee with full purpose of heart; that, being faithful unto death, we may receive the crown of glory which fadeth not away.

Save us, O God, from those covetous desires which pierce the soul with many sorrows, and from that love of the world by which so many are enslaved to its pleasures. Turn away our eyes from beholding vanity, and quicken Thou us in Thy way. Grant us to be spiritually minded, which is life and peace. Incline us to seek the glory of His name whose tender mercy sought the salvation of our souls; and may the care of our souls be the chief concern of our lives. O that each of us may say in truth of Thy beloved Son, He is my beloved Saviour. May it be manifest to us that we are accepted of God the Father, and redeemed of God the Son, by being sanctified of God the Holy Ghost.

Let the close of this and every day remind us that all things are coming to an end. As good servants of Christ, our blessed Lord and Master, may we be always looking for His coming. Grant that it may be our blessedness to be found watching, and our reward to enter into the joy of our Lord.

We ask all in Thy name, and for Thy sake, O blessed Jesus, who art ever worthy, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to receive equal honor and endless praise; and who hast graciously taught us to pray, saying,

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

TWENTY-SIXTH EVENING.

O LORD God our heavenly Father, who art the Maker of all things and the Judge of all men, we, Thy creatures, who live upon Thy daily bounty, and are accountable to Thee for all we do, desire now to offer up our acknowledgments of Thy goodness during the past day, and to implore Thy forgiving mercy.

We would lament the trespasses which we have this day committed. Thou seest, O Lord, all our hearts. We are blind and ignorant, prone to error, yet impatient of reproof. We often deceive ourselves with the mere appearance of goodness, but Thou knowest every false way in which we allow ourselves to walk. Pardon, we beseech Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake, whatever evil we have either said, or thought, or done, on this day. Pardon all the multitude of our iniquities. Teach us continually to examine our lives by the light of Thine unerring word, and vouchsafe unto us true repentance and faith in Jesus Christ.

We pray Thee also to pour out upon us the gift of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may amend our ways, and walk in newness of life. Thou hast favored us with much religious knowledge, and with many means of grace. O let us remember, that unto whom much is given, of them shall much be required. Let us not live as the children of this world, employing our time in vain and unprofitable things; but let us endeavor to be useful in that station in which Thou hast placed us. As we have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so let us walk in Him. May we excel especially in those tempers, and abound in those works, which His gospel has required. May we be full of meekness and patience, of kindness and forbearance, of benevolence and charity. Being established in the love of God, may we also love our neighbor with a pure heart fervently. Let us not have a name to live, while we are dead; or possess only that faith which is without works, and can profit neither ourselves nor those around us; but let us abound in all the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the praise and glory of God.

We also beseech Thee to bless unto us the events of Thy providence, and so to order all things during the remainder of our lives, that they may issue in our eternal good. We know not what a day may bring forth. O sanctify unto us our prosperity and our adversity, our sickness and our health; and whatever may be the vicissitudes which Thou art pleased to send, may we consider them as coming from Thy fatherly hand, and never repine under them. We ask all in Jesus' name. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

TWENTY-SEVENTH EVENING.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, Author of our being, supporter of our lives, and source of all our hopes, both in this world and in that which is to come, we lift up our evening prayer to Thee in acknowledgment of Thy divine goodness, and of our continual dependence upon Thee.

We thank Thee for Thy merciful protection this day. By Thee have we been sustained ever since we were born, and by Thy gracious care we are now enabled to lie down in peace. Blessed be Thy name if we have been in any measure preserved from evil. We are exposed to dangers on every side; to innumerable ills which afflict the body, and to many sorrows of the mind. We live in the midst of an ensnaring world; our own hearts are ever ready to deceive us, and our great spiritual adversary goeth about seeking whom he may devour. O Lord, our hope and confidence are only in Thee. Be Thou unto us a rock of defence, that we may be saved from the power of our enemies. In every season of temptation, in the period of adversity, in the time also of prosperity, in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment, good Lord, deliver us.

We beseech Thee to pardon the sins which we have this day committed. Although we profess to love Thy name, yet in how many things do we continue to offend. We often hear Thy holy word, we are instructed in every part of Thy sacred truth; but how little fruit do we bring forth which is worthy of our Christian calling, and of that care which Thou in Thy providence and grace hast bestowed upon us! We earnestly implore Thy pardon in the name of Jesus Christ. Be Thou merciful to us for our Saviour's sake, and send Thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may more deeply repent, and may reform our lives, and be disciples of Christ not in name only, but in deed and in truth.

Be pleased to sanctify to the good of our souls whatsoever events have befallen us on this day. May we be gathering wisdom from the scenes which we see around us. When we behold instances of patience and long-suffering, of meekness and gentleness, of loving-kindness and charity, may we follow them; and when we witness the mortality of others, may we be reminded that our time also is short, and that blessed is that man whom His Lord, when He cometh, shall find watching. Grant that we may go to our rest in peace with Thee, and in perfect charity with all men.

O Lord, hear us in these our prayers, for Jesus Christ's sake, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

TWENTY-EIGHTH EVENING.

O LORD God Almighty, Father of mercies, from whom we derive the temporal comforts which we enjoy, and to whom we owe the blessed and glorious hope of everlasting life, we desire to render unto Thee this our evening sacrifice of prayer, and praise, and thanksgiving. We acknowledge Thy goodness to us during the past day, and we beseech Thee to continue to us Thy gracious protection during the darkness and silence of the approaching night. Thou art ever present with us. Thou sustainest our lives, though we see Thee not. Thou art our protection in all dangers. Thou art our support in trouble, our guide in difficulty, our best consolation in time of sickness, and our only refuge in the hour of death.

We pray Thee to increase our trust and confidence in Thee. Deliver us from the love of this changeful and uncertain world. Strengthen our faith in the great promises of Thy gospel, and grant that, having committed ourselves to Thy mercies in Jesus Christ, we may find in Him continual rest and peace.

We beseech Thee, for His sake, to pardon whatever sins we have this day committed against Thee. Pour out upon us Thy Holy Spirit, that we may become more steadfast and zealous in Thy service, and more diligent in every good work.

We commit to Thy gracious and fatherly care all those for whom it is our duty to pray. Have compassion on our relations and friends. Supply their various wants through the riches of Thy mercy in Jesus Christ.

Bless our President, and all who are in authority, and give them wisdom to fulfil the arduous duties to which they are called.

Be merciful to all who are in sorrow. Look down with pity on those who suffer through the calamities of war, on prisoners and captives, and on all who are destitute and oppressed. Bestow Thy special favor on Thine afflicted servants, and cause their earthly troubles to issue in their eternal joy.

Have mercy on the young. May there be never wanting in this land a seed to serve Thee; and may those who shall come after us obtain from Thee an increase of light and knowledge, as well as of faith, and hope, and love; that the fruits of righteousness may abound, and the excellency of Thy gospel may be more and more manifested in the world.

We present unto Thee these our imperfect supplications in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

TWENTY-NINTH EVENING.

O LORD God our heavenly Father, we are met together as a Christian family, to thank Thee for the mercies of the past day, and to implore Thy blessing before we lie down to rest. We would ever remember the frailty of our nature, and our utter uncertainty how long we may have to live. We are placed in this world for a short season, and must soon enter into eternity. We must go to the Father of our spirits, and give account of all things done in the body, and must then receive our eternal doom.

O may this thought return to our minds with each returning day, that we may enter upon our duties, reflecting on the ends for which we were born; and may lie down each night, examining whether we are so passing our time on earth as we shall wish we had done, when we are about to die, and to appear before Thy tribunal.

We pray Thee, O Lord, to give us a sacred jealousy over ourselves, lest we fall short of our heavenly calling. May we learn to put our whole trust in Thee, and to place our delight in serving Thee. Pardon all our disobedience in the time past, pardon our many negligences as well as sins, pardon the wasted time, the idle words, and the evil tempers of this day.

We would lie down, trusting in the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose gracious promises to every repenting sinner we place all our hope. And while we thus commend our souls to Thy mercies in Christ, to Thee do we commit all our worldly affairs. In Thine hand, O Lord, whose providence it is that bringeth every thing to pass, we leave the issue of all our undertakings; for Thou knowest, better than ourselves, what is for our good.

We beseech Thee to bless us with all spiritual blessings, and to sanctify to us the daily events of our lives. We pray Thee to lay upon us no greater burden than we are able to bear; and to train us, by Thy merciful goodness and Thy tender care, for the performance of better services than we have yet rendered Thee in the world. We pray for strength against every temptation and for final victory over every sin. Arm us for every conflict, fit us for every duty which we have to fulfil. Let us diligently perform our work in life; let us at the same time live in peace and love, and abound in all offices of kindness to each other. O Lord, unite us as one Christian family together. May we be partakers of the same faith, and heirs of the same hope. May our united prayers continually ascend to the throne of Thy heavenly grace, and may Thy blessing rest upon us.

Hear us, we beseech Thee, for Jesus our Saviour's sake. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

THIRTIETH EVENING.

O ETERNAL God, Father of men and angels, we make our humble address to Thy divine majesty, begging of Thee mercy and protection this night and for ever.

O Lord, pardon all our sins, our light and rash words, the vanity and impiety of our thoughts, our unjust and unkind actions, and whatever we have done amiss this day or at any time before. O God, our souls are troubled through the remembrance of our past transgressions; and we are daily exposed, through the frailty and sinfulness of our natures, to every new temptation, which of ourselves we are not able to resist. We, therefore, earnestly beg of Thee to give us a great portion of Thy grace, such as may be effectual for the mortification of all our corruptions; that, as we have formerly served sinful desires, so now we may give up ourselves to Thy service in all the duties of a holy life.

Teach us to walk always as in Thy presence, and put into our souls great love to Thee, that it may become our chief employment to promote Thy glory, and to root out all habits of sin; so that, in faith and purity, we may wait patiently for the coming of our Lord Jesus.

Into Thy hands we now commend ourselves, praying Thee so to bless and sanctify our sleep unto us that it may be a refreshment unto our wearied bodies, to enable us the better to serve Thee. And whether we sleep or wake, live or die, may we be Thy servants.

Be Thou a father and a friend to the children of this family. Let Thy providence lead them through the dangers, and temptations, and ignorances of their youth, that they may not run into folly, nor give way to any unbridled appetite. Be pleased so to order the events of their lives, that, by a good education, by prudent counsel, and by Thy restraining grace, they may be trained up to serve Thee in the midst of an evil generation, and may be made heirs with Christ in the glories of His heavenly kingdom.

And, O Thou who willest not the death of a sinner, have pity on the multitudes who walk not in obedience to Thy commandments. Turn them from all their sins, so that their souls may be saved in the day of Jesus Christ. Support also the weak, establish the doubtful and wavering, succor the tempted, and raise up those who are fallen; and teach us all to have compassion on the infirmities of our brethren, and to walk charitably one towards another. Hear, O Lord, these and all our prayers, for the sake of Thine only Son Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

THIRTY-FIRST EVENING.

O LORD God Almighty, who hearest the prayers of all who devoutly call upon Thy name, we kneel down to make our supplications unto Thee this night, imploring Thee to take us under Thy protection, and to pardon also every sin which we may this day have committed against Thee.

We, at the same time, beseech Thee to impress upon us the importance of eternal things. May we be deeply persuaded, through the powerful help of Thy Holy Spirit, that we can never prize our salvation too highly, nor strive too earnestly or unceasingly after it. Teach us to remember that we are dying creatures, who must soon enter into eternity, and must either rise to a state of immortal happiness or sink into everlasting despair. May we never forget that "one thing is needful," and may we, comparatively, despise all the things of this world, while we think of that better part which can never be taken from us.

And pour out upon us, we beseech Thee, the spirit of wisdom and of a sound mind. Deliver us from every error by which we may be in danger of being deceived. Convince us of the evil which hath been hidden in our hearts, and of the many sins which in our lives we have committed. And do Thou bestow upon us deep repentance for them; and at the same time grant us such a lively faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, that we may be comforted by the hope of His pardoning mercy, and may be encouraged in pursuing our Christian course.

We would also implore Thee, as the God of providence, to suit Thy various dispensations towards us to our several cases and necessities. Send us, we beseech Thee, such circumstances in life, such degrees of health, such friends, and such opportunities of instruction, as may most effectually tend to promote the edification and salvation of our souls. May Thy Holy Spirit dwell within us, and may all things which befall us be ordered by Thee for our good. And may we see and adore Thy hand, both in Thy chastisements and in Thy mercies; and be enabled always to say, "It is the Lord that giveth and the Lord that taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

And now, O Lord, if we have this day misspent our time, or have forgotten Thee, or have in any wise sinned against Thee, we here implore Thy pardon, in the name of Jesus Christ.

We present these and all our prayers through the merits and mediation of the same blessed Saviour.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

FIRST SATURDAY EVENING.

O LORD, we desire to close this day and this week with prayer to Thee. Pardon, we beseech Thee, for Christ's sake, the sins which we have committed. They are many and great. Hour after hour our thoughts have dwelt on the things of this world, but how seldom have they been turned towards heaven. We have not been thankful for Thy blessings. We have not been watchful over our own hearts. We have allowed many hidden and secret sins to dwell within us. We have loved this present world too dearly, and we have loved Thee, O God, too little. We have lived too much as if this was our resting-place and our home. For these things, and for all that Thou seest amiss in us, Father, forgive us. Let not our sins separate us from Thee. Accept us in Christ, and for His sake look mercifully upon us. We thank Thee that there is in Him a fulness to meet all our need, a fulness of mercy to pardon us, a fulness of grace to help us, a fulness of love to bear with us. O supply all our need out of that fulness.

Lord, make us holy; for without holiness we can neither be happy here, nor happy hereafter. Show us our besetting sins, and give us strength to overcome them. Enable us to put them away, however dear to us they may be. Grant that each day, and each week, as it comes round, may find us making progress in our heavenly course. Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, may we be ever pressing towards the mark for the prize of our high calling in Christ Jesus. Teach us, O God, to remember that our race will soon be run. O that we may then receive the crown of life, and be admitted into Thy joy.

And now, heavenly Father, we ask Thee to prepare us for the holy day before us. If we are spared to see it, may we awake with solemn thoughts and thankful feelings. May we love Thy day, and feel it to be the best of all the seven. Grant that it may be a day of blessing to us, a day laden with mercies to our souls. Enable us to-morrow not only to cease from all needless employments, but to shut the world out of our hearts, and may it be a day given to Thee.

We now entrust ourselves and all who are dear to us to Thy almighty care. When our eyes are closed in sleep, be Thou our ever-watchful Guardian. If Thou art with us, no evil can happen to us. Order all that concerns us, and may we never take a single step without Thy guidance and direction.

Give us grateful hearts now, and may we hereafter praise Thee in Thy courts above, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ou Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

SECOND SATURDAY EVENING.

O ETERNAL God, at Thy bidding we draw near to Thee, pleading the merits of Christ our Saviour. Hear us for His name's sake.

Brought by Thy kind providence in peace and safety to the close of another week, we come to thank Thee for Thy fatherly care. Day by day Thou hast watched over us and kept us from evil. We thank Thee for earthly comforts and blessings. We thank Thee for spiritual privileges and means of grace. We thank Thee for any comfort and instruction which we have found in Thy holy Word, and for any moments of communion with Thee which we have enjoyed in prayer. O Lord, with shame we acknowledge that it is through our own sin and unbelief alone that Thy Word has not been more profitable to us, and prayer more delightful.

We entreat Thee to bestow upon us Thy pardoning mercy. Forgive, we pray Thee, our many sins and shortcomings, negligences and ignorances. Forgive our wasted time and misemployed talents. We fly for refuge, O blessed Saviour, to Thy cross. We would wash in the fountain of Thy precious blood. O make us clean, purge away our stains of guilt, and let Thy love constrain us to love Thee more and serve Thee better.

And now, O Lord, fit and prepare us for Thy day of rest. When we lie down this night upon our beds, may we lay aside for a while all those earthly cares which have harassed us through the week. Breathe into our minds a holy calmness, and let Thy peace fill our hearts. Grant us such refreshing rest as may strengthen us for the sacred employments of Thine own day. And do Thou awaken in us earnest desires after spiritual blessings. Make us so deeply to feel our ignorance and weakness, that we may thankfully come to Thee for instruction and strength. Lord, our eyes are unto Thee, and our expectations from Thee. Without Thee Sabbaths must be days of weariness, and solemn ordinances unprofitable. But be Thou Thyself with us on the morrow. May we begin Thy day in a holy, happy frame of mind, and enjoy Thy presence through all its sacred hours.

Take us now, O Lord, under Thy gracious care. As days and weeks pass away, may we be found growing in meetness for Thy kingdom. Thou knowest how short our time is; teach us to know and feel it also. Give us grace so to consider our latter end as to be ever carefully preparing for it. Help us to redeem the time, and work whilst it is yet day. And when our earthly pilgrimage is ended, O take us to Thine everlasting rest, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

THIRD SATURDAY EVENING.

O GOD, who makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice, receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for Jesus Christ's sake.

Thou hast brought us in safety to the close of another day and another week. Heavenly Father, what mercies have we throughout this week received daily at Thy hand! How graciously hast Thou watched over us! how bountifully hast Thou supplied our wants! from how many unseen evils and dangers hast Thou preserved us! We thank Thee also that each day Thou hast spoken unto us by Thy Word, and that we have had the privilege of approaching Thee at all times in prayer.

Lord, we acknowledge that we have made most unworthy returns for all Thy many mercies. Pardon, for Christ's sake, our numberless sins and shortcomings during the week that is past. We have left undone many things which we ought to have done, and we have done much for which our own consciences condemn us. Enter not into judgment with us, O Lord. Deal not with us according to our merits, but according to Thy tender mercies in Christ Jesus our Redeemer.

Do Thou, Lord, quicken our souls, and revive Thy work in us. Thou knowest how ready we are to become careless and slothful in the great things which concern our eternal welfare. Grant us, O Lord, Thy quickening grace. May Thy Holy Spirit keep ever fresh in our minds the recollection of all that Christ hath done for us, that we may be constrained by His love to yield ourselves a willing sacrifice to Him.

And now, O Lord, prepare us for the rest of Thine own holy Sabbath-day. When for a little season we lay aside the toils of the week, may we also lay aside its cares and anxieties. Let nothing disturb and distract us while we wait upon Thee. May we be in the Spirit on the Lord's day. Cause us to hunger and thirst after righteousness. Fill us with devout and earnest longings to see Thy power and Thy glory in the sanctuary. May we, as new-born babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that we may grow thereby.

Keep us through this night in safety. Refresh us with peaceful rest, so that in body and spirit we may be prepared for the services of Thine own day. And grant, O Lord, that as days and weeks pass away, and bring us continually nearer to eternity, we may be made daily more meet for the inheritance of the saints of light. Hear these our supplications, we pray Thee, for the Redeemer's sake. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

FOURTH SATURDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY Lord God, we humbly beseech Thee to receive the thank-offerings which we desire now to present on Thy altar. We would raise a memorial of Thy abundant kindness, and tell out Thy works with gladness.

Thy ways towards us have been faithfulness and truth. Thou hast done for us more than we have either desired or deserved, and far more than we are able to express. Who can utter Thy mighty acts, O Lord, or show forth all Thy praise? Grant, Lord, that from the abundance of the heart we may speak Thy praise; and that at the close of every week we may be found growing in grace, in thankfulness, and in every fruit of the Spirit. Especially may a sense of Thy wonderful love in the redemption of our souls ever abide upon our minds. And since Thou hast given Thy Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification, grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve Thee in pureness of living and truth; and at His second coming to judge the world in righteousness, may be found an acceptable people in Thy sight.

But who may abide the day of His coming? And who may stand when He appeareth? We cannot stand before Thee, O Lord, in our own righteousness. We humble ourselves at Thy footstool, acknowledging the sins which we have committed against Thee, particularly the sins of the week which is now closing. And we pray Thee to grant unto us forgiveness of all that is past, through Him, who, by Thy grace, tasted death for every man. For His sake cleanse Thou us from all our offences, and grant that, being justified by His blood, we may be saved from wrath through Him.

To Thy tender mercies in Christ Jesus we now commit ourselves, and all for whom we should pray. Save and defend us through the night-season. Open our eyes to see the light of another Sabbath, and sanctify it to the good of our souls.

And as Thou hast promised that of the increase and prosperity of Thy kingdom there shall be no end, give Thy blessing to the means which are employed for its extension throughout the world. Let the time draw near when the whole earth shall be filled with Thy glory, and when every thing that hath breath shall praise Thee. Bring to pass that which is written, that in the last days the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow unto it.

We ask all in the name of our Mediator Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

FIFTH SATURDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, whom all Thy saints in heaven delight to worship; we, who are not worthy to take Thy name upon our lips, whose very natures are unholy, and whose sins testify against us, desire, nevertheless, to join with all the heavenly host in blessing and praising and magnifying Thy holy name; imploring, at the same time, that the light of Thy reconciled countenance may shine upon us; and that we may be pardoned and accepted in Thy sight.

O God, we praise Thee, we bless Thee, we glorify Thy name, that Thou hast not left us in our low estate, but hast sent salvation to us. We adore Thee for Thine infinite love and mercy, that Thou hast not spared Thine only-begotten Son, but hast freely given Him up for us all; that this Lamb hath been slain, and this atoning sacrifice hath been made for the sins of the world; and that God is in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing our trespasses unto us.

We now beseech Thee to bless unto us Thy approaching Sabbath. May our hearts be warmed with love to Thee. May our prayers and our praises ascend with acceptance to the throne of Thy grace. May heavenly things occupy our thought, and may the world lessen in our esteem.

O God, we lament with shame and sorrow before Thee, that notwithstanding all the means of grace, we have so little improved our time and talents, have so little honored Thee by our lives, or advanced in true holiness. Day after day we propose to amend our lives, to repent of all our past sins, and to forsake them henceforth for ever; but how soon do our hearts again return to the world, and our temptations again come upon us and overpower us, for our own utmost strength is weakness.

To Thee, the God of all might and mercy do we, therefore, now pray for grace to serve Thee. Thy face, O Lord, would we seek; on Thee do we humbly wait, beseeching Thee to deliver us from the power and dominion of our sins, and to make Thy strength perfect in our weakness.

Make us henceforth to be more fervent in prayer, and more conscious of our entire dependence on Thee, and of our infinite obligations to Thee; that so obtaining from Thee the help of Thy holy Spirit, we may be established in Thy most holy ways, and may be carried safely through all the dangers and trials of this mortal life, till at length we shall sit down with Christ in His heavenly kingdom. We offer up these our imperfect prayers in the name of that blessed Mediator.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

CHRISTMAS MORNING.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly beseech Thee to accept our hearty thanks for the manifold mercies which Thou hast poured upon us. We bless Thee especially this day for sending us Thy well-beloved Son to take our nature upon Him, and to be made in the likeness of sinful flesh. We rejoice that unto us a Child is born, that unto us a Son is given. And we would join the multitude of the heavenly host in ascribing glory to Thee in the highest, peace on earth, good will toward men. We praise Thee for revealing to us the way in which mercy and truth have met together, in which righteousness and peace have kissed each other. And we account it a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Help us, O Lord, to employ this day in meditating on this great mystery of godliness, God manifest in the flesh, which Thy holy angels desire to look into. And as, when Thou didst bring Thy first-begotten into the world, Thou didst command all the heavenly host to worship Him, so may we also give unto Him the glory which is due unto His name.

O Thou great and glorious Redeemer, who art wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace, we praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, Lamb of God, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, King of kings, and Lord of lords, Emanuel, God with us. For Thou only art holy, Thou only art the Lord, Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. But chiefly, at this time, we adore Thee for leaving the glory which Thou hadst with the Father before the world began. We know Thy grace, O Lord Jesus Christ, that though Thou wast rich, yet for our sakes Thou didst become poor, that we, through Thy poverty, might be made rich. We beseech Thee, by the mystery of Thy holy incarnation and nativity, good Lord, deliver us. Thou who didst come that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly, be gracious unto us.

Grant, O Lord, that the glad tidings which we commemorate this day may be made known unto all people. In Him who hath arisen to rule over the Gentiles, let the Gentiles trust, and find His rest to be glorious. Mercifully with Thy favor look upon the whole Christian world. May all that name the name of Christ depart from iniquity. We ask all through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we further pray:

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

CHRISTMAS EVENING.

O HOLY and merciful God, with Thy own arm Thou hast wrought out redemption for us. Thou hast not sent Thy Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

We bless Thee for revealing to us this great mystery, which was hid from ages and generations, but is now made manifest unto the sons of men.

We rejoice that unto us was born, as on this day, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Our souls do magnify the Lord, and our spirits rejoice in God our Saviour. Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed be He that cometh in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

Praised be Thy name for sending forth in the fulness of time Thy only-begotten Son, made of a woman, made under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. Glory be unto Thee for causing Thy loving-kindness towards us to appear. Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to Thy mercy Thou hast saved us.

O Thou who wast in Christ reconciling the world unto Thyself, not imputing their trespasses unto them, forgive us all our trespasses. Through Him who was made in the likeness of sinful flesh, and came to seek and to save that which was lost, have mercy upon us. By the mystery of His holy incarnation and nativity, good Lord, deliver us. Let the same mind also be in us which was in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, and thinking it not robbery to be equal with God, yet made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was found in fashion as a man, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. Help us continually to follow the example of His great humility. And give us grace so to walk in all holiness of living, that we may not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

We pray likewise, O heavenly Father, that through Thy tender mercies the Day-Spring from on high which hath visited us, may arise and shine upon the nations that are sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide their feet into the way of peace. Grant that it may both be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and be the glory of Thy people Israel. May the children of Zion be joyful in their King! And may they so truly follow the blessed steps of their Lord and Master that they may be saved by Him in the great day of His appearing and glory. Grant this for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

THE CLOSE OF A YEAR.

ALMIGHTY and eternal Lord of heaven and earth, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning, who art the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever, and whose years fail not throughout all generations; from everlasting to everlasting Thou art God. Accept, we beseech Thee, our humble sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for Thy goodness and mercy which have followed us all our days. We especially bless Thee for delivering us from the dangers of the year that is now drawing to a close.

We humble ourselves before Thee, confessing and bewailing all that we have done amiss. Enter not into judgment with us, but spare us according to Thy great goodness. According to the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out our offences. Pardon and accept us for the sake of Thy only-begotten Son, whom Thou didst send into the world, as at this time, to take our nature upon Him, that He might redeem us unto Thee by His blood. Bless us in turning us away from our iniquities. Wash us thoroughly from our wickedness, and cleanse us from our sins; and let them all be buried with the closing year, to rise up against us no more for ever.

And keep us mindful, good Lord, as the years of our life pass away, that the end of all things is at hand, and make us sober and watchful unto prayer. May we never forget that we are strangers and pilgrims upon earth as all our fathers were, that we have no continuing city here, and ought diligently to seek one to come. Our years pass away like a shadow, or a vapor, which appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away. Lord, teach us so to number them that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Make us to know our end, and the measure of our days, that we may consider how frail we are, and may learn to redeem the time that remaineth. May we remember also that life is uncertain as well as short, and that in the midst thereof we are continually in death. Give us grace to watch and pray, since we know neither the day nor the hour when the Son of Man cometh. May we be always ready, with our loins girt about and our lights burning; that whenever He may say, Behold, I come quickly, we may be able to reply, Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Help us to fight the good fight, to finish our course, and to keep the faith, that there may be laid up for us a crown of righteousness, which Thou, the righteous and merciful Judge, wilt give unto us in that day.

Hear us, O Lord, we further beseech Thee, while we make our hearty intercessions for all who are partakers of the same frail nature with ourselves. Look in mercy upon those who are in the morning of their years.

May they remember their Creator in the days of their youth, before the evil days come, and the years draw nigh, of which they shall say, there is no pleasure in them. As Thou hast promised that they who seek Thee early shall find Thee, do Thou graciously dispose them to seek Thee earnestly with all their hearts, that so they may become Thy sons and daughters, growing in wisdom as they grow in years, and in favor with Thee and man.

Mercifully regard, also, such as are in the strength and vigor of life, and dispose them to give unto Thee the best of their days, and not to weary themselves for very vanity.

Lastly, we pray Thee to remember those whose strength is now but labor and sorrow. Enable them to bring forth fruit in their old age according to the ability which yet remaineth. May they come to their graves like as a shock of corn cometh in his season. When their flesh and their heart fail them, be Thou the strength of their hearts and their portion for ever.

Fulfil, O Lord, these our petitions, for the sake of our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

NEW YEAR.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who livest and abidest for ever, with whom one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day, who wast, and who art, and who art to come. Thou hast made our days, as it were, a span long. Our age is as nothing in respect to Thee, and, verily, every man living is altogether vanity.

But, O Lord, we bless Thee, that though in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. We praise Thee for the gift of Him who was manifest in the flesh that He might destroy death, and hath brought life and immortality to light by the gospel, in whom whosoever believeth shall live though he die, and whosoever liveth and believeth in Him shall not die eternally.

We give Thee thanks also, O heavenly Father, for sparing us from year to year, and for giving us further space for trial and amendment. And we beseech Thee still to spare us, O Lord most holy, O God most mighty; and at last to deliver us from the bitter pains of eternal death. Mercifully grant that Thy great goodness may lead us to repentance. With this new year help us to begin a new life. Quicken us in the way of righteousness that we may set out afresh in our Christian course.

Our days are as an hand-breadth; they pass away as a dream when one awaketh, and we all do fade as a leaf. Our years are determined with Thee, and the number of our days; and Thou hast appointed our bounds that we cannot pass.

Let us never forget, O Lord, the solemn and affecting truth, that this year we may die.

May we not boast ourselves even of to-morrow, for we know not what a day may bring forth, and there may be but a step between us and death. Enable us to work while it is called to-day, before the night cometh, when no man can work. Whatever good our hand findeth to do, may we do it with all our might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave whither we are going.

Be merciful unto those who have lived all the years of their life in carelessness and sin. Give them grace to think on their ways and to turn their feet unto Thy testimonies, before the things that belong unto their peace are for ever hidden from their eyes.

Turn the hearts of such as have set their affections on this world and are minding only earthly things. Awaken them to a sense of their danger, by the remembrance that time is short; and that before another night their souls may be required of them. And teach them henceforth to use the world without abusing it, seeing that the fashion of it passeth away.

Touch the minds of all who are putting off their repentance from year to year with the awful thought, that hereafter they may find no place for repentance, though they seek it carefully and with tears. Cause them to see that now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation. Look in pity upon those who, having once escaped the pollutions of the world, are again entangled therein and overcome, and are now led captive by Satan at his will. Burst their chains of bondage and bring them into the perfect liberty of Thy children. Restore them to the way of righteousness, lest it be better for them that they had never known it. Be gracious unto all who have chosen that good part which none can take from them. Uphold their going in Thy way, and keep them in the path in which they should go. May they go on from strength to strength till every one of them appear before Thee in Zion.

Finally, we beseech Thee to look with special favor upon those the days of whose pilgrimage are drawing to a close, and the time of whose departure is at hand. Even in their old age be Thou with them, and in their hoary hairs do Thou support them. And when Thou hast guided them here by Thy counsel, receive them hereafter to the kingdom of Thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

EASTER.

O MERCIFUL God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we would this day commemorate Thy wonderful love to us, and to all mankind, in giving Thy Son, not only to die for our sins, but to rise again for our justification; that having overcome the sharpness of death, He might open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

We bless Thee that Thou hast not suffered us to follow a cunningly-devised fable, but that all things which before Thou hadst shown by the mouth of all Thy prophets Thou hast so fulfilled. Our hearts rejoice and our tongue is glad, because Thou hast not left His soul in hell, neither didst Thou suffer Thy Holy One to see corruption; but hast declared Him to be the Son of God with power, by His resurrection from the dead, saying, This is my beloved Son, to-day have I begotten Him.

The Lord liveth, and blessed be our strong Helper! And praised be the God of our salvation! Our souls do magnify the Lord, and our spirit doth rejoice in Christ our Saviour. Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna to the Prince of Peace! With His own right hand, and with His holy arm, he hath gotten to Himself the victory. By His glorious resurrection, good Lord, deliver us. Deliver us, and take away our sins, for the honor of Thy name. Justify us freely by Thy grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

And grant that, as He was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also may walk in newness of life, reckoning ourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. May we follow His example and be made like unto Him; and as He died and rose again for us, so may we who are baptized unto His death, die from sin and rise again unto righteousness, continually mortifying all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily proceeding in all virtue and godliness of living.

Grant, that whenever this vile body shall be committed to the ground, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, it may be in sure and certain hope of a joyful resurrection to eternal life, and may be changed like unto Christ's glorious body, according to the mighty working whereby He is able to subdue all things to Himself. Thus do Thou ransom us from the power of the grave, redeem us from the second death. Say unto death, I will be thy plagues, and to the grave, I will be Thy destruction; that so we may rise from the dead to die no more, being Thy children, O God, and the children of the resurrection.

Pour down Thy Spirit from on high on the ministers of Thy blessed

gospel; and while they preach Jesus and the resurrection, let Thy word in their mouth be as life from the dead; that so they who are sleeping in their sins, may awake and arise from the dead, that Christ may give them life.

May those who are living in sin remember, that Thou hast appointed a day in the which Thou wilt judge the world in righteousness by that man whom Thou hast ordained, whereof Thou hast given assurance unto all men, in that Thou hast raised Him from the dead.

Comfort those who are mourning for the loss of beloved friends and relations, departed this life in Thy faith and fear. Teach them to sorrow not, even as others who have no hope, for them that sleep in Thee; believing, that if Jesus died and rose again, even so them also who sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him.

Deliver those likewise, who, through fear of death are all their lifetime subject unto bondage. And take away from Thy dying servants the bitterness thereof, and enable them to say, O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hear us, O Lord, in these our petitions for ourselves and others, for the sake of Thy beloved Son Jesus Christ, in whose name and words we further call upon Thee.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

WHIT-SUNDAY.

ALMIGHTY God, Thou art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and upon Thee the eyes of all do wait for their portion in due season, Unto Thee, therefore, do we lift our eyes, O Thou that dwelleth in the heavens. We wait now at Thy footstool for the promise of Thy Spirit, which, as at this time, Thou didst miraculously pour out upon the sons of men, enduing them with divers powers from on high. And we praise Thee for the gracious assurance that He shall remain with Thy people always, even to the end of the world. Without His mighty aid we can do nothing that is rightful. We know not what to pray for as we ought, unless He help our infirmities and make intercession for us, according to the will of God. We have need of His holy inspiration, to think those things that be good; and of His merciful guiding, to enable us to perform the same.

Grant, therefore, we beseech Thee, that He may continually rest upon us as a Spirit of wisdom and understanding, a Spirit of counsel and strength, a Spirit of knowledge and true godliness, a Spirit of holy fear and love, a Spirit of truth, unity, and concord, a Spirit of everlasting consolation and hope.

Grant that we, being regenerate and new created in Christ Jesus unto all good works, may be made more meet for that glorious kingdom, into which Thou hast declared that none can enter who are not born again. Seal us, we pray Thee, with that Holy Spirit of promise which is the earnest of our inheritance. And may the blessed hope of dwelling with Thee be shed abroad in our hearts and abound through His almighty power. Enable us daily to rejoice in this hope of Thy glory, that amidst all the trials and troubles of life it may be to us the anchor of our souls, both sure and steadfast.

Be pleased, O Lord, to hear the voice of our intercession in behalf of our fellow-creatures. Pour out Thy Spirit upon all flesh. Arise, O Lord, in the greatness of Thy strength, and awaken to a life of righteousness those who are dead in trespasses and sins. Send out Thy light and Thy truth to the nations who know not Thy name, and have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. Have mercy on Thy people Israel, and fulfil Thy word of promise towards them. A new heart do Thou give them, and a new spirit put within them, and take away the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh. Shed abroad all spiritual blessings on the churches of Thy saints. May they be edified by the truth as it is in Jesus; and walking in Thy fear and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, may they be multiplied exceedingly. Bless all Christian ministers. Endue them with Thy Holy Spirit, enrich them with Thy heavenly grace, and let the words which they speak be applied to the hearts of men in the demonstration of the same Spirit and of power. May He, the Spirit of all truth, convince the faithless, enlighten the blind, instruct the ignorant, direct the inquiring, strengthen the weak, convert the wicked, humble the proud, sanctify the faithful, reclaim the backsliding, comfort the afflicted, and grant unto all the diversity of His gracious operations, severally as they stand in need.

Hear us, O God, in these our prayers and supplications, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be ascribed equal adoration and praise, now and evermore.

Our Father, etc.

The grace of our Lord, etc.

FAMILY AFFLICTION.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, our only help in time of need, we flee unto Thee for succor in this season of tribulation and distress. Out of the depths we call unto Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear our voice. O let Thine ears consider well the voice of our complaint.

We acknowledge, O God, that for our iniquities we are visited and for our sins we are troubled. We are born to trouble as the sparks fly upward, because we have been transgressors from the womb. And if Thou shouldest be extreme to mark what we have done amiss, our present sorrows would only be the beginning of sorrows which should know no end. Wherefore should a living man complain? a man for the punishment of his sins?

But Thou art a gracious and merciful God, full of compassion and of great goodness. Thou hast not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. Blessed be Thy name, that Thou not only hast opened unto us a way of escape from the wrath to come, but hast mercifully ordained the sufferings of the present life to work together for good to them that love Thee. Thy wise providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth. Not a sparrow falleth to the ground without Thy knowledge and appointment, and the very hairs of our head are all numbered. Thou assurest us that Thou dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men but for their profit, that they may be partakers of Thy holiness. Whom Thou lovest, Thou chastenest; and scourgest every son whom Thou receivest.

Thou afflictest us to humble us, and to prove us, and to know what is in our hearts, and whether we will love Thee and keep Thy commandments or no.

Give us grace, therefore, to consider, in this day of our adversity, wherefore Thou contendest with us and art wroth. Let us not despise Thy chastening, nor faint when we are rebuked of Thee, nor be weary of Thy correction. But let us be still, and know that Thou art God. In patience enable us to possess our souls. Grant that our tribulation may work patience, and patience experience, and experience hope; and our hope, let it not make ashamed, but let Thy love be shed abroad in our hearts, through the Holy Ghost given unto us. Let us not cast away our confidence which hath great recompense of reward. Though troubled on every side, let us not be distressed; though perplexed, let us not be in despair; though cast down, let us not be destroyed. And be pleased to cause our light afflictions which are but for a moment, to work out for us a far more exceeding and

eternal weight of glory, while we look not at the things that are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal. Though no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous, yet afterwards let it yield the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto us who are now exercised thereby. Grant that we may find it good to be afflicted, and see that Thou, of very faithfulness, hast caused us to be in trouble. And whenever it may please Thee to deliver us out of the miseries of this sinful world, of Thy gracious goodness receive us into that blessed kingdom where Thou shalt wipe away all tears from our eyes; where there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away.

Hear us especially in behalf of Thy servant, for whom we desire especially to pray. We look up unto Thee, O Thou compassionate Saviour, who wast Thyself a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. O Thou, who didst weep at the tomb of Lazarus, and art still touched with the feeling of our infirmities, pitifully behold the sorrows of our hearts, and graciously look upon our afflictions. O Thou, who of old didst cure all manner of disease among the people, be gracious unto us. Let not the sickness be unto death, but for the glory of Thy name. Speak the word only, and Thy servant shall be healed. Have mercy upon *him*, O Lord, have mercy upon *him*, and not on *him* only, but on us also, lest we should have sorrow upon sorrow. If it be possible, let this cup pass away from us without our drinking all its bitterness; but if not, Thy will be done. Only be pleased to sanctify this Thy fatherly correction to *him*, that the sense of *his* weakness may add strength to *his* faith, and efficacy to *his* repentance; that if it should be Thy good pleasure to restore *him* to *his* former health, *he* may lead the residue of *his* life in Thy fear and to Thy glory, or else give *him* grace so to take Thy visitation, that after this painful life ended, *he* may dwell with Thee in life everlasting. We ask all in the name of Jesus Christ, our blessed Saviour. Amen.

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